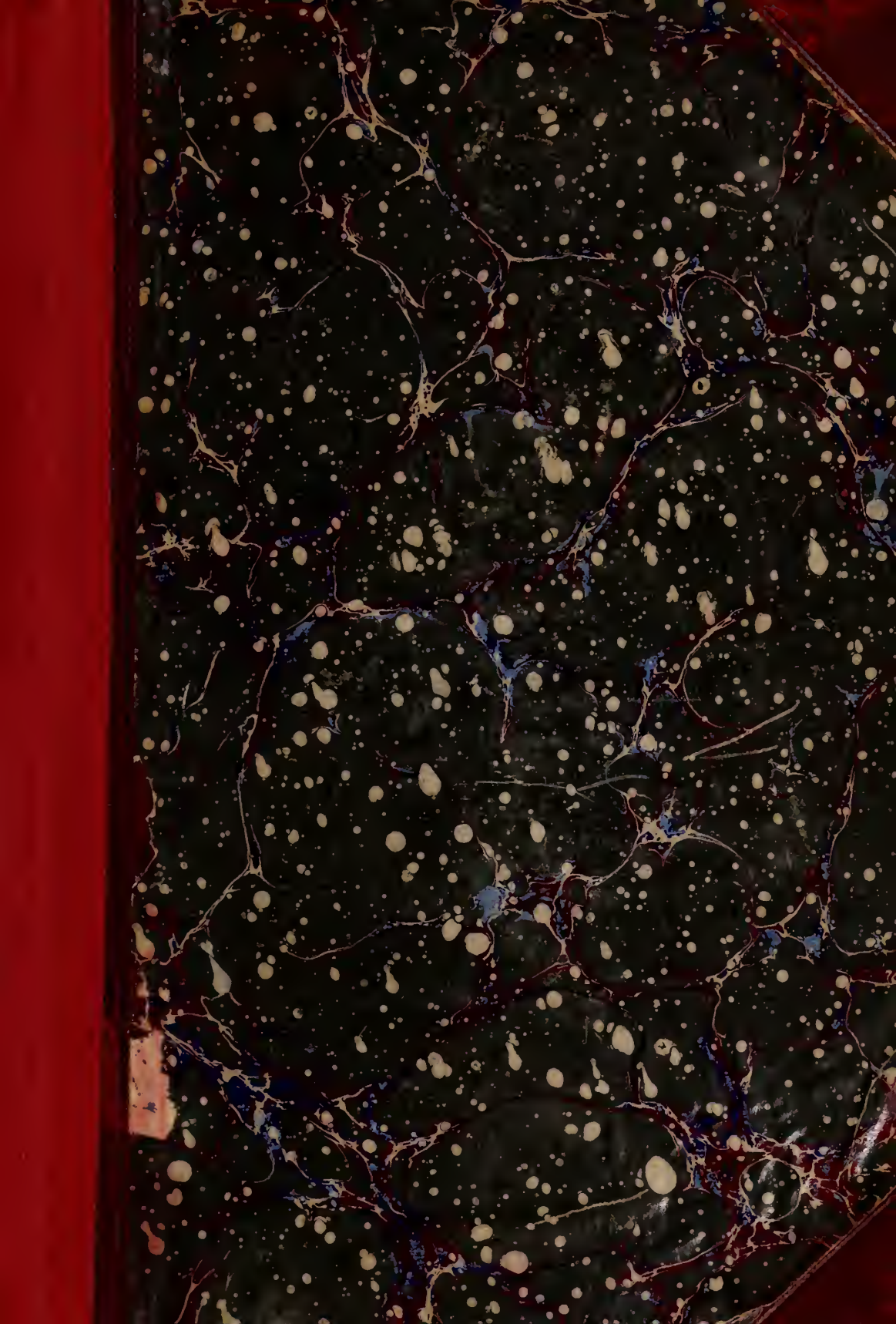

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WOMAN'S WORK FOR WOMAN.

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NOW let us sing the Doxology. Mr. Chas. W. Hand, Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions, says: "The debt that has rested so heavily upon the work, varying in amount since 1893, is BURIED, and may no vestige of it ever again appear! The payment of this large sum, nearly $100,000, during such a year as that just past, is, I believe, due, first, to the generosity of the men and women on the field,—to the devotion and self-sacrifice shown by their magnificent gifts, and second, to the energy and enthusiasm of the Woman's Boards of America. Our balance sheet will show no deficit."

CERTAIN young women in one of our Eastern churches having read an account in *The Evangelist* regarding the self-denial of missionaries in behalf of the "debt," gave their wages for one week, $66, to the same object. It is a joy to record that some of the stewards to whom our Lord has entrusted riches, stood shoulder to shoulder with those who out of small means gave thus nobly.

MISS FANNY WIGHT has gone from us. In 1885 she dedicated herself to serve Christ in China, where she was born, and from the moment she took up the work of an evangelist she was a happy missionary. The hardships of itineration, barrows, carts and *kangs*, had no alarms for her. At the time of her death, she was absent from Wei Hien, in Chinanfu, where her brother is an independent missionary. We were wholly unprepared for this, and nothing is known beyond the cablegram. A large circle of brothers and sisters and friends in this country mourn her loss, and especially her father, the Rev. J. K. Wight, who has just celebrated his Ministerial Jubilee.

WE tender our profound sympathy to the Woman's Association of the United Brethren in Christ, in the dreadful affliction which has befallen their West Africa Mission. On May 4, five American missionaries were murdered in the Sherbro district, Sierra Leone. Since our own eight martyrs of the India Mutiny, death by violence on so large a scale has not, we believe, occurred on any field of American missions. Sierra Leone had been disturbed by rebellion for some time. These who have lost their lives, at the hands of the very people for whose sake they had freely laid down their lives, are: Rev. and Mrs. I. N. Cain, Dr. Mary Archer, Dr. Marietta Hatfield and Miss Ella Schenck. A number of their associates are left on the field. The mission was founded thirty-five years ago. The Church of England also has a mission at Freetown.

WHILE turbaned gentlemen from India are maundering about theosophy before audiences of ennuied women in America, the world witnesses such a spectacle as the riot of March 9, in great and enlightened Bombay. Measures taken by Government to prevent the spread of bubonic plague were resisted with many indignities upon passing Europeans, and two unarmed English soldiers were beaten to death with sticks.

MISSES Jefferson and Minor of Ratnagiri were visiting in Bombay at the time of the riot, and had their own share of fright and peril. They were in the market with a friend when shops were suddenly closed and the whisper went round that there was going to be "a Mohammedan fight." They were driven to Grant Road College, through streets lined with Mohammedans and Hindus in readiness for the attack which was made the same day. Miss Jefferson wrote: "They hissed, shouted and clapped their hands at us. We realized something of the awful danger and cried unto God. He heard and did not allow them to lay a hand on us." A military escort conducted them from the College to their home, where they found the missionaries engaged in prayer for their safety.

PRINCE Bernadotte, second son of the King of Sweden, has announced that he and his wife, who is maid-of-honor to the Queen, are going to Africa as missionaries. The Prince renounced all claim to the throne when he married a woman who was not of royal blood.

IT is understood that more or less unfavorable climate must be encountered on mission fields. If not the heat of India, it is malaria in savage and backward countries like Africa and Laos. Is not the sight of little children thrown into convulsions by malarial poison, or "staggering about, the ghost of their jolly, vigorous selves," to be reckoned among the "trials" of missionary parents, Mrs. Bishop?

THE beautiful Homes for missionary children in Wooster, Ohio, have a good record for health. In the year and a half covered by the last Report, there was but one case of serious illness among the thirty-one residents in the two houses. Original cost of the Homes, above $30,000, was met chiefly by individuals; the income does not yet fully meet expenses. The President of the Board of Managers is Mrs. Wm. Thaw of Pittsburgh; Treasurer, Mrs. Elias Compton of Wooster.

AND now Chieng Hai Station, only a year old, spares Mr. and Mrs. Dodd to work for some months in that north country on which the Laos Mission has always held its purpose fixed. Mr. and Mrs. Harris of Chieng Mai will assist for a time in the places of the absent.

THE Hainanese woman who brought her "passport" to Miss Etta Montgomery (see WOMAN'S WORK, Feb., 1898) has been the means of the conversion of three men, her husband being one. He was a confirmed opium smoker and the doctor hesitated to subject him, at his seventy-three years, to the hospital discipline necessary for a cure, lest the consequences might be fatal. But the old man took the matter into his own hands, broke off his opium and carried his paraphernalia to the ladies' house. They say he appears fifteen years younger and is a devout Bible student.

IT is a standing rule at Futtehgurh Orphanage that, once a year, each girl has a new calico dress for Sundays, so it was only human that lowering looks should meet the teacher's eyes after her announcement that new dresses must be foregone, at Christmas. But generosity prevailed when it was explained that thus more famine children could be received, and the orphans said tearfully, "We did not understand, we would not have complained," while one, looking down at her old dress, added: "When this is washed it will look very nice."

GIRLS in the boarding-school at Kanazawa, Japan, instead of receiving gifts last Christmas, themselves brought gifts for the poor. It was made one of the ceremonies of a festive programme, which was concluding with a treat of their favorite cake and oranges, when one of the girls suggested that if anyone preferred to give away her cake, it could be put on the tray. Mrs. Naylor says: "The hearts of the teachers were touched indeed when they learned that *every girl* had given both cake and fruit. Coal, warm dresses, rice and money were taken to the poor and aged. Since this blessed Christmas season a marked religious awakening has been observed."

ON a distant tour with several of the missionary brethren, last January, the Kolhapur pastor, Shivaramji, met the only Sepoy remaining of those who garrisoned the fort in the neighborhood. To the pastor's surprise and joy, this old man narrated in Marathi the story of the crucifixion, resurrection and ascension of Jesus, having heard it thirty years ago from the lips of the late Rev. R. G. Wilder. It is believed that no missionary has preached in that remote valley in the Konkan in this long interval of years.

MORE than a hundred persons who injured their eyes in viewing the eclipse last January went to the hospital in Kolhapur for treatment.

THE King of Kolhapur invited all American and European residents of the city to see the eclipse from Amba, handsomely providing them with carriages and relays of horses. Where Mr. Seiler saw it, eight miles distant from this merry party, the temperature suddenly fell about 20° at the moment of obscuration.

IN German Africa there are two Romish agents to one Protestant missionary.

"*God deal with me so, and more also, if I do not die amidst my people.*"
—The late BISHOP OF NOVA SCOTIA, at a London meeting.

THE VETERAN CORPS.

STILL ON THE FIELD AFTER TWENTY-FIVE OR MORE YEARS.

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JULIA BROWN MATEER.

Her earliest home was on a farm near Delaware, Ohio, and when only eight years old her mother died. At fifteen she was an orphan, and the little patrimony left by her father was expended on her education. July 2, 1863, six months after her marriage to Rev. C. W. Mateer, they embarked in a sailing vessel for China, and it was one hundred and sixty-seven days before they reached Shanghai. The hardships of that voyage occasioned permanent injury to her health. In her long missionary life she came home but twice, and the whole thirty-four years were spent in Tungchow, where she died Feb. 18, 1898.

Mrs. Mateer was an accomplished teacher, and the best energies of her life were poured into the school which ultimately became Tungchow College. Besides class work, she gave herself day and night to care of every detail—accounts, food supplies, nursing students in sickness. She was their confidante and adviser in their plans, their marriage alliances, their religious experience. The prayers of students and graduates and Chinese Christians in Tungchow were unceasing for her recovery.

The proudest day of her life was her sixtieth birthday, when the College men presented her with their most imposing ceremony, a decorated red silk dress, and placed over the front door of her home a tablet with the inscription

"THE VENERABLE NOURISHING MOTHER OF HEROES."

Besides college work, Mrs. Mateer itinerated every year and had visited the homes of all Christians connected with Tungchow station and many of the Chefoo people, exhorting, teaching and praying with the women and children. Her literary labors were equally important. With a fine command of Mandarin, she wrote books herself and was the most careful critic of her husband's pen.

Mrs. Mateer distributed relief in the famine district in 1888. Her husband being obliged to leave six weeks before the harvest, she took the whole burden on herself, supervised the distribution to an enrollment of fifty thousand and settled up the accounts at the close. Leading men of the villages presented her with a silken canopy and curtains, inscribed with a motto and names of two hundred and twenty villages aided, and showed such other attentions as are bestowed on popular officers when leaving their post.

A Chinese pastor speaking of her death said with trembling emphasis, "We have lost the support on which we leaned."

The above inadequate sketch is taken from memoranda furnished by Dr. Mateer.

MRS. C. R. MILLS says of the closing scenes:

"Even when her mind was wandering she would bring it back with a mighty effort and give just the right word to the right one. The Chinese made and trimmed the coffin themselves, and her body was borne reverently to the church where a service in Chinese was held with a crowded house, and from there to its

last resting place outside the city wall, *not* by hired coolies, but by the native Christians. Her face wore that wonderful smile of triumph which we have often seen in life when she had conquered something hard.

"The gown presented by the students was, at the earnest request of the Chinese, thrown as a pall over the coffin, and the scrolls, banners, etc., were carried at the head of the procession.

"To younger members of the station she was as a tender mother or loving sister, keenly appreciative of all we accomplished. She lives in the lives of those young men whose wavering faith she strengthened."

JULIA BROWN MATEER.

From photograph taken at Tungchow in 1890.

MRS. FRANK CHALFANT writes:

"A blessed relief it was for Mrs. Mateer to get beyond all the suffering. I cannot but think she was called to bear this final long illness to make it easier for those left behind. Dr. Mateer and everyone, foreign and native, have always depended upon her experience and judgment, and had she been taken suddenly, like Dr. Larson, it would have been almost more than they could bear."

MRS. FANNY CORBETT HAYS also writes:

"When, after returning to China, I visited 'Auntie Mateer' for the first time since my childhood, I thought I understood the feelings of the disciples who, going apart with Jesus into a 'desert place to rest awhile,' found on landing that the crowd had outrun them, and, instead of having Jesus to themselves as they had been looking forward to, they were obliged to look on while He devoted Himself to 'the sheep without a shepherd.' A schoolboy with his numerous ailments, a woman with her sorrows, a man with his perplexities, a heathen groping for light, a Christian seeking comfort, were all receiving help from her and absorbing her time and attention. One afternoon, after the departure of the man with whom she had been talking, I came in to see her face shining and heard her say to her husband, '*Oh, I do love to preach!* I wish I could do more of it.'

"When I think of this noble, gifted, sweet-tempered woman whom I have loved since babyhood, how she cradled my motherless, aching heart against her tender breast and walked with me in my own journey through 'the valley of the shadow,' of the encouragement and inspiration of her words and life to a young, inexperienced missionary; when I remember how many others were blessed in sharing her thoughtful love, I long for the tongue of angels, to show the beauty of her character."

SOME DARK HOURS IN MISSIONARY HOMES.

I. A NIGHT OF PERIL.

Friday, the 17th of last September, a typhoon* struck Hainan, the like of which was never known there before and may, perhaps, be never equaled again. One-half the wall surrounding the mission compound at Hoihow fell, and the massive wall around the custom house was laid flat. Fear was felt, particularly, for the mission hospital which was newly built, but it stood without a crack, losing only a few tiles from the roof and one chimney.

A missionary family was, temporarily, living in the hospital, and that very Fri-

*See letter in WOMAN'S WORK, Jan., 1898.

day morning the missionary himself had set out in a small boat upon an itinerating trip. When the typhoon burst upon the island, there could be no conjecture as to where that little boat might be.

The missionary wife, save her three young children, had only Chinese companions. She lighted all the lamps and lanterns available and allowed the patients to crowd into the one bright room. The typhoon was at its worst the half hour before midnight. The sound of ocean waves beating against walls on land, and of torrents falling from the skies, was "like the noise in the Cave of the Winds under Niagara." The Chinese preacher was nearly drowned in getting merely from the gate-house into the hospital. Amid the commotion, the children waked out of sleep and with them, amid the motley company, the mother kept her watch. The following sentences, about that night, are taken from a letter to her sister:

"I dressed the little girls warmly in their cloaks and *told them* what I feared. It was beautiful to see how calm they were. They cried when they thought of papa, but Janet said quietly to Julia, 'We were never so near heaven as we are now.' The preacher, a very good man, read a part of the 14th Chapter of John. I remembered how dear grandpa had taught it to me, so long ago, and the words were comforting in our anxiety. The preacher prayed with us all, and then Janet, Julia and I sat down. I had baby in my arms and a small box of necessaries. The children's voices never were so sweet, as we all sang in Hainanese and in English. As day broke we were thankful to be all alive." *E. C. P.*

II. AFTER THE DEATH OF A CHILD.

A great sorrow we feel is a matter too holy for any but the most reverent and loving eyes, and to suffer it under the close scrutiny of hundreds, is indeed a burden too heavy to be borne except with One as yoke-fellow, and yet this is what they must bear who have been preaching the joy of an endless life to those who sorrow without hope.

One who has just had this agony to endure writes: "Our boys in school and the other Christians looked at us with eager, questioning eyes those days to see if we could bear our loss, or rather to see whether the God of comfort we had preached to them was sufficient for us in our sorrow."

But He did not fail them, and ten years of preaching could not have taught the Chinese what the courage and faith of that father and mother did, and little Hope's twice repeated "Mamma, you don't need to cry about me, after while you'll see me," will bring to many hearts stronger assurance than they have ever had before that our God is the God of the living, and that death is swallowed up in victory.

Emma Bailey Speer.

Since the above was written, another "little Hope" has been folded to the Saviour's bosom, leaving a great vacancy in another missionary home of North China. "What," writes Mrs. Mills, "do these heathen mothers do when they have such a sorrow as mine?"

WHY SHE COULD NOT GIVE MORE THAN SEVENTY DOLLARS.

[From a letter by a young missionary, accompanying her offering of seventy dollars for the *debt* of the Board.]

". . . I only regret that other obligations make it impossible for me to give more just now; later I hope to remit more. Shall I be too informal if I explain what those other obligations are?"

[After relating that she assumes (1) the entire expenses of a student who she hopes will go into the ministry, and that she does this "as an expression of my love for"—the country to which she is devoting her life]:

"(2) There are several children whose Christian education is less an expense than a pleasure to me, as I hope they may do noble work for their country some day. (3) Then we are trying to build a church here, and as the native believers are miserably poor in worldly goods, *we* must take the bulk of the expense and responsibility. (4) Then we have constant calls for help from the poor around us, to whom we must not turn a deaf ear. (5) The Y. M. C. A. and —— are worthy objects to be helped. (6) I must lend a hand to my young nephews

and brother in America. (7) We must prop up our school when it needs it and clothe some of our scholars. And last (8), possibly not most likely to be forgotten, this little missionary must be fed and clothed out of this far-reaching salary. Do you think much is likely to go into a bank?"

THE MISSIONARY SPIRIT ON THE FIELD.

[FROM THE YEAR'S CORRESPONDENCE.]

FROM a young widow:

"For I have learned in whatsoever state I am therewith to be content. God in all wisdom has placed me at ——, where all environments are pleasant. . . . I am willing, nay anxious to take up the work. Where He leads I follow. If He says 'Go, feed my lambs,' or if 'Feed my sheep,' I will gladly seek the lost and wandering ones, be they men, women or children, and endeavor in His strength and by His guidance to bring them to the great Shepherd's fold."

From a missionary on her second term:

"The Lord has been good to me and I take up my work with joy."

From a young mother:

"My little boy must have playmates and, as there is no other foreign child in the compound at present, he has grown very friendly with a number of Chinese children (more or less respectable) and is trying to pass a rainy day playing with them on the piazza. It is a serious question with me how to guard him against bad influences in such surroundings. Some ladies do not let their children play with Chinese children, but I cannot bring myself to take that stand. It cannot but be a barrier between us and those among whom we live, especially our Christian Chinese. It is one of the many risks we have to take with our dear little ones, and trust the Father to make it work out the best results for our children as well as theirs. At least so it seems to me now."

Another mother in China:

"We must decide to-day about our daughter's going to school, a serious and puzzling question. I am at home so little during the day all the autumn and winter, some days only long enough to eat and sleep, this leaves her alone. The Lord will show what is best."

From a young lady in Brazil:

"Several things have happened of late to strengthen my faith in the constancy of God's love and the steady unceasingness of the work of the Holy Spirit, who is, really, the accomplishing agent in all. I feel encouraged to go ahead believing that God's purposes here will not fail, even though we do not see results multiply as fast as we desire."

From a young man in Bululand:

"Before beginning to magnify what little I have done, I wish to tell a little of what God has done for me. Every day of the year He has revealed himself to me in some new light. He has given direct answers to prayers and so established my faith more firmly. He has made me to feel the power of His spirit working within me. He has made me to feel more and more how He, and He alone, can satisfy, yea more than satisfy, every desire. He has wonderfully kept me from every fear, and has been more to me than I asked. Many a victory He has given, many a burden lifted. Few have been the sorrows, many the joys. His love has been so great; communion with Him has been so sweet and refreshing. I cannot say enough in praise of Him or use words strong enough to express my gratitude for His goodness."

A young lady on Hainan:

"I really stand in awe of the opportunities the dear Lord gives us for reaching women. I little thought when I left America that I should so love the evangelistic work; but now there is nothing that gives me more pleasure than to sit down in a group of women and hear them say 'How shall I worship God?' 'Teach me to pray.' 'Can I enter heaven? why, I have no children, how can I?' 'Please pray for my husband.' 'This doctrine is very good.' Am I ever heart-sick at the misery and ignorance around me? Yes, sometimes when we see the perfect indifference of some, to things that pertain to anything but eating and drinking, we would like to *scare* them into the Kingdom."

Only one year out:

"This work is blessed, and one grows happier at the thought of winning the women for Christ."

A young lady in Laos:

"Buddha says 'The life of woman is always darkness.' I am so glad to be here to tell them of the Light of the World and of a hope for even women."

A young lady in Colombia:

"Help for the emergency always came. I told Mrs. ——, as we were looking over the accounts at the end of the year, that I thought the Lord meant to teach us that we should have the daily bread without any more."

Dr. McGilvary, one of the veterans in Laos:

"The closing year has been one of uninterrupted good health for Mrs. McGilvary and myself and, first of all, I would desire to render devout gratitude for the tender care that has watched over us these long years. Each one of those forty years has had its own mercies, of which the last has not been the least."

Rev. E. W. McDowell, formerly of Mosul:

"I find that I still think of Mosul mountains as *my field* and that people as *my people*. Whatever charge I take it seems to me the Mountain Nestorians will always be 'my people,'"

MISSIONARY HOME LIFE.

Some foreigners criticise some of the missionary homes, but they forget that they are usually accumulations; that they began in the most frugal and austere style, from which most of them never depart, and have gathered up little things by slow economy through years. They forget that the missionaries have come to China for life, not to get some money and then return to civilization to live, and that they have settled down as to a lifework. They forget also, not associating with the Chinese constantly if at all, themselves, the place the home fills in the missionary's life. It is his disinfecting, purifying, re-invigorating resort. At the same time it must be remembered that missionary standards, while higher than those at home, will not continue much higher. All the changes that take place in spiritual and social life at home are soon felt and followed elsewhere. To keep the missionary stream full and clear, the home fountains must be so. I think all criticisms on missions reduce themselves to criticisms on home Christianity, of the best types of which, missions are but the projection upon the mission field. An ocean voyage will not transform indulgence into asceticism. The homes of the missionaries are not rich or extravagant. A very few may esteem them and their comforts too highly, but the great majority have simple, unpretentious homes, which they try to keep sweet and Christian. I do not think those critics should be gratified who seem to wish the missionaries not only to live among the heathen, but to become heathen. . . . .

One society, at least, in China holds that wives are not desired to learn the language and do missionary work, but should care for their husbands. Several missionaries, not more, in our own missions hold this view. It is a very unpopular view in our missions, and as I write I think of a score and more of married women who, from Nodoa to Peking, are not alone managing well their own households, but are carrying on schools, medical work, inquirers' classes, house visitation, evangelistic meetings, women's services, and literary work, with a fidelity and capacity that were a constant wonder to us. And even where family cares prevented such extensive work, there were little missionary enterprises built up around the homes.—From Mr. Speer's *Report on the China Missions.*

REV. J. G. WATSON'S HOME, HAMADAN, PERSIA.

Entrance to the house is in the foreground on the right, exit to the street through a wall (not seen) on the left. The gate-house keeper sits in his doorway.

The house is in the Moslem quarter, ten minutes' walk from Dr. Holmes' house. Mr. Hawkes lives in the edge of the Jewish quarter, ten minutes' walk North, and Faith Hubbard School is over to the Northeast in the Armenian quarter.

THE REAL TRIALS OF MISSIONARIES.

From a speech in Exeter Hall, London, by Isabella Bird Bishop; printed in *Church Missionary Intelligencer*, June, 1897.

I am very often asked, "What about missionary hardships?" In my long journeys, and in the one hundred and forty-five mission stations that I have visited in the last eight years, I have seen much of them; and I think there are no missionaries who would not agree with me, that these hardships to which people refer and of which they dream at home have very little effect upon them. They have good houses, on the whole, good food, suitable cloth-

ing, and, best of all, regular mails. Bnt it appears to me that there are most grievous deprivations attending missionary work which affect the spiritual life, and which must, unless they are battled with, lead to a depreciation of that life as time goes on.

There are no such meetings as these, which help the soul; there is no contact with nnmbers of godly men; there are no great public prayer-meetings, with their contagious spirit of faith and devotion; there is no Mr. Moody going around to stir np the spirit; there are no throbs of great religions movements; no intellectual stimulants.

Then there are positive dangers. There is the danger of "grooviness" in work and in spirit. There is the natural temptation to envy success given to the methods and work of others, and this ofttimes makes the heart and spirit sink. There is the feeling of having entirely sounded the mental and spiritual possibilities of the daily associates, and a staleness in daily associations which comes to be felt when perhaps associates for the year round number only two or three people. There is the deadening influence of surroundings which I have heard spoken of by many missionaries, and by none more than the excellent Moravian missionaries in Western Thibet. There is the waning of the passion for souls, and the mourning because this passion is growing feebler. There is the temptation to linguistic stndy of Scripture rather than devotional study, and that, I think, is a very great temptation everywhere. There is weariness of flesh and spirit, promoted by snrroundings, and increased oft times by the heat of an enervating climate. And, though it seems a small thing, there is the worry of the constant assaults of mosquitoes, when the flesh and spirit are both as weak as they can be. All these little things have to be taken into consideration. Then there is the temptation which assails many missionaries in the first year or two—to think that they have made a mistake in coming out at all, that they have given up work at home in which they were blessed, to go out to work in which they are not blessed. . . .

Then, of course, there must be in all small communities, especially of people who are shut up under such circumstances in courtyards of the same dwelling, if not actually under the same roof, a certain amount of friction. There is the discovery that misssonaries are only sanctified in part, and the discovery, too, that they themselves are only sanctified in part, and that a very large tract of life and feeling has never been touched by the sanctifying influence of the Holy Spirit. This discovery comes in a foreign land as it never, I think, comes at home. And the friction which grieves the spirit—and which, we may say, grieves the Holy Spirit of God—is in many stations one great trial of missionary life, kept under as it may be. The constant tendency to criticise small things in those living about you, and the frequent feeling that you are yourself the subject of unfavorable criticism from those about you—these things sound, I snppose, very small; but they make up the sum of what we may call the private life of missionaries in heathen lands, and they make up an amount of trial to which no physical hardships would bear the slightest comparison.

These things press specially heavily upon women missionaries, because, if a man feels there is friction, and that his associates are not perhaps treating him quite as they ought, he can go on an itinerating journey, or take a long walk, or a good gallop, and the breezes blow it all away, and he wonders at himself for having thought this, that and the other thing. But with a woman the case is different. Perhaps the naturally greater sensitiveness of a woman helps to make small things thought more of. Then, by the customs of Oriental countries, a woman is deprived of these outlets which do so much for a man. She is shut np within the courtyard, or goes out only in a closed chair. And so the thing grows and grows, till a remark which may not have had any meaning at all comes to embitter her life—till some fortunate breeze blows it away. . . . I wonld ask the earnest and continued prayers of every one in this large assemblage for these, which are the real hardships and trials of the missionary.

I have left one trial till the last, the greatest of all—as I have been told by many missionaries; that is, the falling away of persons whom they believed to be converted, and whom they had trnsted as fellow-Christians.

SPHERE OF THE MISSIONARY WIFE—SAMPLES.

Here is a woman unnoticed by any one, seemingly, except the Lord of the vineyard, who quietly, steadily, without a grumble or a word of discontent, is acting the part of a heroine. This is no news to us, for we have seen it from the day she arrived at ——, a mere child in years only. Through sickness and trial, difficulties and discouragements, she is an example of patience and cheerfulness.

The only child of a devoted father and mother, she left home and the friends of her youth for a work that provides no society or companionship, but plenty of steady grind and intermittent monotony. That was more than four years ago. She made a splendid success at the language; soon had a class of children around her, and has had the comfort of seeing some of them baptized on confession of their faith in Christ. Teaching and visiting have continued, two little ones added to their family, and a little uncared-for Laos baby taken into the home. But, notwithstanding the extra care and household duties, which are by no means neglected, she manages to hold a class every day in the week, often traveling on horse-

back from two to five miles to hold it in some Christian woman's house in an outside village.—*Letter* from one of the brethren in Laos.

You seldom have any news of work here, and this is certainly not as it should be; but I hope our friends at home will not conclude there is no such place as Hiroshima (Japan), or nothing interesting going on here. On the contrary, Hiroshima is a very large city, and our work very interesting; so much so that though I have been here more than ten years, I am not sure whether I am glad or sorry in expecting our coming furlough.

THE LATE REV. J. H. SHEDD, D. D., AND MRS. SHEDD IN FRONT OF THEIR HOME ON THE COLLEGE CAMPUS, OROOMIAH, PERSIA. Photographed in 1891. Rev. W. A. Shedd, President of the College, now lives in this house. A College dormitory and Westminster Hospital are also on this property, which covers fifteen acres and is surrounded by a wall.

Why don't we write more then? I will tell you. There is no one here to do anything at all among our women but myself, and I have a husband, a house, a garden, a herd of goats, five children to care for and teach, as well as three servants to look after. It is our duty to write, but I cannot write while women are calling on me—and these people make long calls; nor on the days we have a meeting here, nor when one of the children is sick, or when Mr. Bryan is about to go off for a few days and there is lunch to put up, which must take up just as little space as possible and contain as much nourishment as possible; while he is gone I must see his callers as well as my own; and so the letters are put off until "to-morrow."

We have nice women in our church. The past year we had two classes in Sunday-school; the pastor's wife teaching the new Christians while I took the older ones. Until I was ill, a class of girls met at my house each week for knitting, music and Bible study. Our women are nobly helping the church along financially. Their yearly prayer-meeting meets here in May, and they are saving all they can towards entertainment of delegates from other stations. We have thirty-five women in the church. Five have been baptized this year. Much goes undone for want of an earnest single woman missionary.

Margaret C. Bryan.

[Extracts from Personal Report.]

The largest part of my work is the care of my children. Besides the care that all mothers give, we here (in Persia) must also supply the lack of school and companionship and be teachers and playmates as well as mothers. . . .

Housekeeping is the next engrossing occupation, with all the duties of hospitality it implies. We have had the rare pleasure of guests from England and America. . . . Two young men traveling around the world came to us, as there is no hotel in Tabriz—Mr. Stuart from New York and Mr. Von Mach of Harvard. Strangers at first, at the end of their week's visit they seemed old friends, so close is the bond of Christian sympathy. Mr. and Mrs. Coan and Elsie, from Oroomiah, were with us a few days, whom we had not seen for six years, though only a hundred and fifty miles distant, which means five days of Persian travel.

Of the callers we have received I have

no record, but about a hundred came after Dr. Bradford's arrival, and at New Year's there were two hundred men, women and children. Our visitors are from all classes—the group of gaily dressed, frivolous Mussulman ladies who smoke cigarettes, drum on the piano and want to go all over the house; Armenians who settle down for the afternoon with their knitting; Europeans making calls; neighbor children to be entertained, and poor people with a request for milk, money or clothing, and to all the inevitable tea or coffee, if not more elaborate refreshments, must be served. I am always glad to see them all, as I cannot go out as much as formerly.

MISSIONARY FAMILY CAMPING OUT IN PRĂĂ DISTRICT, LAOS.

The boys' school is before my eyes continually, claiming my interest. Three months I taught in the primary room an hour every day, and sang with the school an hour Saturday. Now I give Monday evenings to planning lessons with the primary teacher, and sing with the boys, playing the organ also at prayers. Sunday mornings I have a meeting with the younger boys, with an attendance often of thirty, and we are taking up "the boys of the Bible." When we were talking of Samson, one of the boys wearing a ring in one ear was a modern illustration of consecration under a vow, as this is a mark that his parents have specially devoted him to some saint. In the evening meetings held in the school, Mrs. Wright and I have taken turns in playing the organ. We have some opportunities of talking with the young men who stay afterward for personal conversation. At the Armenian festivals, homes of the people are open, and it is a good opportunity to visit our scholars. So last month, with my primary teacher, I called on the mothers of fifty of our boys.

Work for women is limited only by our strength and time. We have a Mothers' Club and often twenty are present. We read last year Miss Harrison's book on "Child Nature," and are now reading Dr. Holt's book on the care of infants. At the beginning of the meeting we have a Bible lesson on the story of some mother written there, and at the close prayers for the children, represented by the mothers present, whom we always count over.

Among Moslem women I have found a special opening in a neighboring quarter of the city, where Miss Easton and I have often gone together, always finding a number to listen eagerly as we sat on the floor among them and read and talked.

It is very pleasant to be acquainted, as we are now, with nearly every house on our street, but with many of the richer class it is hard to do religious work. Never before has there been such a friendly attitude toward us. Mr. Wilson and I are beginning this week an evening class for Bible study, hoping to make it helpful to those who are just beginning to read it, as they themselves confess. Our Literary Club for young people is very popular, and, as a member of the committee, I enjoy planning the programme for its meetings. Twice during the year it met at our house with an attendance of sixty and eighty, and with our piano, the school organ and Mr. Brashear's violin, we have had a good deal of music, a great attraction.

Annie Rhea Wilson.

To-day I had just put baby to sleep when the gate-keeper came in and said,

"There are some women come in a cart from the city (Paotingfu) and want to know if they can see 'Tai Tai.'" I must confess it was with a little sigh that I told him to bring them in, for sometimes these wealthy people are great bores. Yet I was anxious to have them come, for they are by far the most intelligent of the Chinese women, and I fear I find greater pleasure in entertaining them than poor working-women when they come. But it is not for our own pleasure that we see any of them.

They came, three ladies and one servant. There was a great deal of bowing and formality before I succeeded in getting them into the house, each one stopping at the inner door and beseeching me to enter first, and then, after I got them inside, each begged me over and over again to be seated first, until in desperation I finally did seat myself before the last of them. They said they had never seen a foreign lady before, and although the elder took hold of my foot and lifted it up for the inspection of the crowd, and their eyes wandered all the time suspiciously about the room, they were not so inquisitive nor impolite as many of their rank who have called upon us. They repeatedly complimented me on speaking their language so well, although I knew all the while that I was *not* speaking well. After commonplaces, the way opened to tell them why I was in China away from my friends, of the Heavenly Father, and of their souls which can never die. They had never heard the message before and listened earnestly. I played the organ and sang hymns in Chinese, explaining as we went. They begged me to rest, as I must be tired, but I said "No, if I could persuade you to believe on Jesus, I would not consider that any effort would tire me." They said they would come again and *spend a day* with me and hear more of the doctrine. But they would not taste my tea. I said "You are not afraid to drink it?" and smiled at them, telling them that some said we put medicine in it. They scoffed at the idea. Nevertheless I presume there was a little distrust, for they said when leaving, "Why, you do not differ from us; we are really alike."

With all their hypocrisy they were sweet and lovely women, and I pray the Lord that they may come to hear more and their precious souls may be saved.

This is only one of many similar calls that we receive from the wealthier city people, and my heart aches for them when I see the darkness of their lives. The majority are unable to read and know nothing outside of their own circle; beyond all, they have no hope for the life to come. In your prayers will you not remember these wealthy self-satisfied, as well as the *poor* who are easier to reach? *May G. Simcox.*

TESTIMONY TO OUR OWN MISSIONARIES.

"Since the actuating force of his life was deep love, he was therefore respectful, like a profound scholar, and extremely modest."—*Said* of the late Rev. W. J. KcKee by Ningpo Chinese Presbyters.

"The forbearance of the missionaries" whom she observed preaching at a *mela* in Allahabad, amid much provocation from the crowd, is the reason given by a Brahman woman for her coming to read with Mrs. Janvier as she is doing.

"As a native of Persia and as one raised and cherished in the loving arms of missionaries, I deem it the great privilege of my life to acknowledge in all sincerity and reverence the kindness, sympathy and long suffering of the missionaries in their labors among us. . . . Their self-sacrifice in leaving home and fatherland to go among a strange people; especially the heroic devotion of gentle, delicate ladies, in long journeys under the piercing rays of the hot sun—we would have the world know that we are not ungrateful for these things.

"When Mrs. Grant died, our bishops assembled and said to Dr. Grant: 'We will bury her in the church where none but holy men are buried, and we will dig her grave with our own hands.'

"When Miss Fiske, the idol of these Nestorians, left Oroomiah, her pupils offered their prayers that she might come back and mingle her dust with that of her children.

"When the beloved Mrs. D. P. Cochran died, our old pastors, with hair whitened in the service, carried her cof-

fin in their arms a great distance, as a sign of reverence and honor for her loving labors among them.

"The lamented Dr. J. H. Shedd was honored and looked upon by all classes as a bishop, priest and father.

"O winds, that sweep over those who have died for a cause they loved more than life, touch lightly, we beg, the sacred dust! O sun, touch gently with thy burning rays the lives of those who still live and toil! Let the story of their untiring energy and unwavering faith and hope in Jesus Christ be proclaimed in coming generations, to stimulate, encourage and inspire the children of God!" —*Mr. I. M. Yonan* in "Persian Women," pp. 208, 209.

CEMETERY OF THE MISSION AND CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY AT KOLHAPUR, W. INDIA.

A LORD'S SUPPER IN NATAL, S. AFRICA.

[From a letter by Rev. F. R. Bunker, American Board missionary among the Zulus.]

One hundred and seventy-three native people partook of the Lord's supper, twenty-nine for the first time, having confessed their faith in Christ that day.

Imagine yourself with us about our Lord's table. Only Christians are present, admitted by ticket, in order to avoid the disturbing element that often comes into our assemblies from outside. The people have come in very quietly, their bare feet on the clay floor increasing your sense of the quietness and good order of their gathering. There to the left is a little group of boys from the training school. Scattered here and there are theological students and their wives. To the left are men, on the right are the women, all decently dressed. There are many bright, intelligent, young faces, others are sadly furrowed by time, while on some the marks of heathenism have been left so deeply that the sight of Jesus on the blessed resurrection morn can alone wipe them out.

Nineteen are to be baptized. First is Magidi. He has been a headstrong sinner, a keen lover of this world and all its lusts, but to-day, though his cattle are dying of the plague and the locusts are destroying his gardens, he has a happy face, and heart and lips are filled with thanksgiving to God. Four men follow. All have lived heathen lives, but are now quiet, earnest Christians of good report. One, a young man of splendid physique, inherited his father's wife, with a number of children. He has turned his back on his old life, however, and digs his own garden—a woman's work—and guards it from birds and monkeys—children's work—that he may be free from the reproach of heathenism. Here are women now bowing for baptism, whose homes are still those round huts on the hillside among heathen relatives. If you could know the struggles through which they have passed to come to this day, you would forget the ill-fitting dresses and horny hands, made clawlike by long grasping the hoe, in your admiration for their courage and perseverance. First, a struggle with heathen fathers or husbands to be permitted to attend the preaching of God's Word. Then, a battle to be allowed to clothe themselves, heathen relatives often tearing off and burning that sign of desire for a better life. Then, a contest to gain husbands' permission not to make

and drink beer and go to heathen feasts. Often a long, long struggle with father, mother, brothers, lovers or husbands until a marriage by Christian rites, protected by law, is consummated. Part, or all, or more than these have been the struggles of these poor women to attain the privilege of this day. One, Ciyi, is so old that she trembles as she walks. Her youthful days had all passed before one word of the truth, which this table beside us represents, had been uttered in this land.—*Mission News Letter*, Cape of Good Hope.

A JAPANESE MOTHER IN ISRAEL.

I first heard of her one day last year, in a sermon at our girls' school by a Japanese preacher who referred to her as the pillar of the church in Tanabe (a town on the coast of Kii, a province lying to the south of Osaka), and to her daughter-in-law, whose resolute faith and patient love were the means of converting the older woman, founding the church and raising up a number of strong workers for God, some of whose names are now prominently known. What the preacher said about this case greatly impressed me and gave zest to my anticipated visit to that region, in the course of the canvas which I have been requested to make by the Native Presbytery of all the work lying within its bounds. I had hoped to see the octogenarian mother of that little church and to hear from her own lips the story of her conversion and subsequent experience. It was a shock, therefore, to find on landing at Tanabe, Feb. 2d, that the good old woman was to be buried that very day and to be requested to preach her funeral sermon. But it was a blessed experience to address the large concourse of relatives and citizens, over the body of one who has been a shining light in this dark land.

The circumstances of her conversion, as nearly as I can recall them, were as follows:

Some fourteen years ago her niece, who was also the wife of her adopted son, began to be much interested in Christianity through the letters of an elder sister who was in a missionary school in Yokohama. This sister is now wife of one of the most prominent leaders in the Japanese Presbyterian Church. On returning to visit her home in Tanabe, she completed the work of convincing her younger sister of the truth and beauty of the Christian religion and leading her to declare her faith. The mother-in-law, a devout and zealous Buddhist, took greatly to heart this defection in her household, and tried by every means to make her renounce her faith. An elder brother joined in the persecution and, it is said, even resorted to physical violence, but the young woman clung to her Saviour. At length the exasperated mother-in-law drove her and her husband and little ones out of her house and they went to a neighboring town. The daughter did not cease to pray and labor for a reconciliation. The thought of being regarded as lacking in filial obedience, so necessary in the Japanese moral code, was a constant grief to her. She sent friends to beg the mother to be reconciled, but the latter returned answer that the daughter would have to come in person if she hoped to move her. This she decided to do and, one hot day in midsummer, she took her infant on her back and walked all the way to Tanabe, a dozen miles or more, only to meet with a cruel rebuff. Weary and heart-sick she turned away from the home that should have sheltered her, and it is said that the fatigue of that long journey in terrible heat was an immediate cause of the sickness which ended her life. But to the end she continued to love, and pray for, her relatives. On her dying bed she was asked if she had any farewell message. She replied in the feeble accents of approaching death that she had only one desire, namely, that her mother and all her relatives might come to know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Her prayers were answered. The old woman, on being told of the manner of her daughter's death, was cut to the heart and said, "Oh, I have made a dreadful mistake." She began to study Christianity, and about twelve years ago was baptized. The elder brother also became a Christian. Another relative, a Buddhist priest in charge of a temple, who began to study Christianity with the

purpose of opposing it, was conquered by the mighty power of the Word, and his temple is now numbered with the things that were and are not. The three children of the faithful daughter were taken by the grandmother and brought up in the fear of the Lord. One has been assisting Miss Haworth in her day schools in Osaka, a very capable young woman; one son is a prominent Christian writer, author of an elaborate work on Buddhism; another is doing effective work as a preacher of the Gospel in the southern part of the Empire.

The old woman set to work as earnestly for Christ as she had worked for Buddha before, and Tanabe church stands as a monument largely due to her untiring labors. She was especially noted for great patience, which even before her conversion had won a drunken husband from his evil ways. Her uncomplaining endurance of his abuse when drunk compelled his attention and drove him to reform. After conversion, this element shone out with increased beauty under peculiar trials, such as the burning of her home and loss of all her wealth. In teaching classes of women, in co-operating with missionaries and comforting them, and in sustaining the church, she has become an example of "woman's work for woman" which will not cease to operate for good in all the future.

B. C. Haworth.

SOME NOTEWORTHY OPINIONS ON AFRICAN MATTERS.

Nowhere has the Gospel made such progress among the Kafirs as in Basutoland. The missionaries—French Protestant, Roman Catholic and English Episcopalian—working not only independently but on very different lines, have brought nearly fifty thousand natives under Christian influences. The Franco-Scottish missionaries, by whom far the largest part of the work has been done, tell me that baptisms do not increase fast; and they are wise in not measuring the worth of their work by the number of baptisms. Education is spreading. There are now one hundred and fifty schools in the country, all but two of which are conducted by the missionaries. . . . The women are more backward than the men, because they have been kept in subjection, and their intelligence has remained only half developed. But their condition is improving; men now work with them in the fields, and they demand clothes instead of so much oil, wherewith to smear their bodies. As education becomes more diffused, old heathen customs lose their hold, and will probably in thirty years have disappeared. The belief in ghosts and magic is, of course, still strong.—James Bryce, in *Impressions of South Africa*, p. 354.

The extinction of heathenism in South Africa may be deemed certain, and certain at no distant date. . . . So much may certainly be said: that the Gospel and the mission schools are at present the most truly civilizing influences which work upon the natives, and that upon these influences, more than on any other agency, does the progress of the colored race depend.—Ibid., pp. 392, 393.

The Independent of May 5 is an "Africa Number" of great value. It contains articles by Henry M. Stanley and other distinguished men, and, with a colored map, is well worth preserving for reference. The following notes are gathered from its columns:

The Congo railway will be open in June to regular traffic. It has cost a vast sum, but the shares are at present worth double their face value, and it can handle 60 000 tons of merchandise annually. There are forty-five small steamers on the waters of the Upper Congo, which were carried up in sections on the backs of men, but, by means of the railway, a steamer of 250 tons has now reached Stanley Pool.

Well fitted-out scientific expeditions are exploring the Congo State; 250 Protestant missionaries and 100 Roman Catholic occupy some hundred centers.

The English Government is expending three million sterling on a railway 600–700 miles long, from the East Coast to Uganda. Three thousand coolies have been employed since January, 1896, and 150 miles of it are in running order.

The Cape to Cairo railway will be an accomplished fact before 1925, I believe.—*H. M. Stanley.*

At present Europeans *must return home after a sojourn of two or three years in Africa* (Equatorial).—*Lieut. Lemaire*, ex-Commissioner of Equator District, Congo State.

The French Congo has an area of 560,000 square miles; the German Kamerun over 190,000.

British Africa is the product of three forces—British conquest, British trade and British missions. Of the three, the first counts for the least and the last for the greatest factor. The British frontier has advanced on the stepping-stones of missionary graves.—*W. T. Stead.*

Great Britain and France have two bones of contention in Africa; one is the lower Niger, the other is the region on the Upper Nile. A boundary line in the Barotse, is in dispute between Great Britain and Portugal.

Mr. Pilkington, the English missionary who was killed during the recent fighting in Uganda, had an unrivalled knowledge of the language and was chief translator of the mission.

ITEMS FROM THE AFRICA MISSION.

TWO CHURCH BUILDINGS—a church is in process of erection at Batanga. From Benito, Mrs. Reutlinger writes:

"We are thankful that our own church has been completed and dedicated to its great Head. It is a simple structure, all native material with the exception of frame, doors and floors. We were able to use the benches and pulpit from our old church and that lightened expenses. With all its simplicity we love our new church. It means something of sacrifice. The people willingly did all they could, but it would still have been a dream of the future had not some personal friends and generous hearts on the field been moved to give us aid. Mr. Menkel gave the building some supervision, and himself worked on it two weeks with the native carpenters. The walls are bamboo tied with bush rope. The willing fingers of our school children scraped all the bamboo and thus gave it a smooth appearance, and linseed oil added a gloss.

DR. BENNETT RECEIVING PATIENTS AT ELAT. (*pron.* ā-*lât*)

"It was a grateful company that gathered within its walls on Sabbath, Feb. 27, when the Rev. Frank Hickman conducted appropriate dedicatory services."

IN BULULAND—Efulen missionaries report forty-four persons, in towns near, who have copies of the Bulu gospels and are able to read them. Congregations last year averaged 60—70.

Elat station owns sixteen acres of land. A chemical analysis of three springs of water resulted in discarding two of them; the third is pronounced good. The school at Elat averaged sixty the first month of 1898. Eighteen boys were reading the Bulu gospels, and big beginners were proud to read "a, b, d" (no c in Bulu). Mr. Fraser writes that all about the station there is evidence of desire to be "on the good side of white men. The people lately brought six goats to settle up old debts and atone for their stealing from us." Tribal animosities are slightly softened, so that from two tribes boys have come to school who a year ago would not have dared to come. Sunday services often call together 150 people.

Besides making a great success of the boys' school last year and conducting Sunday services sixteen times, Mr. McCleary made twenty-eight working trips to near towns.

Dr. Bennett opened a dispensary at Elat last July. One hundred people came the first day. A red cross flag was explained to them, and hoisted on a flagstaff every week day at 2 P.M., to notify the people that the dispensary was open. All patients except school-boys and station workmen were expected to pay something for treatment. A small native building was put up for hospital use. The record of the first three months is as follows:

New cases	91
In-patients	6
Re-visits	423
Operations (major)	2
Teeth extracted	14
Fees received	$7.10

OUR MISSIONARIES IN AFRICA.

AND POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.

Mrs. T. Spencer Ogden, Gaboon, Congo Française.
Miss Christensen, Benito, " " "
Mrs. C. De Heer, " " " "
Mrs. Louise Reutlinger, " " " "
Miss Louise Babe, Batanga, Kameruns.
Mrs. N. H. D. Cox, Batanga, Kameruns.
Mrs. W. C. Gault, " "
Miss Isabella A. Nassau, " "
Mrs. S. F. Johnson, Efulen, " "
Mrs. W. C. Johnston, " " "

In this country: Mrs. Arthur Marling, Auburn, N. Y.
En route to Africa: Miss Lea M. Dubé.

KOREA.

MRS. C. C. VINTON wrote from SEOUL, Feb. 10:

Our last Annual Meeting was more than two months earlier than in previous years because we had Mr. Speer with us. All haste was amply paid for by his presence. The one fault we all found with his visit was the short duration. He not only learned of our work and needs in Korea, but his presence and advice gave us strength and courage for the future.

We had been living in the foreign settlement, but my husband's work became more and more connected with Rev. Mr. Gifford's, and we decided to get nearer to it, as one cannot accomplish quite so much at a two-mile distance as when living alongside. The step is taken and we do not regret it—it is so much better for our work and we are right among the Koreans. It was very hard to move with the children, as it was very cold and the house was unfinished and the workmen still in it, but God took good care of us. We are very comfortable now.

A HARVEST OF SOULS.

I am not an active worker yet, neither am I dormant, and when my family cares permit it I find quite enough to do. We are glad that we were called to Korea, for the Koreans are so lovable, and the Gospel seems to grasp and sink into their hearts as with few other nations of the world. We have a social evening once a month where we meet as a station and talk and pray over the work of the month. Mr. Lee mentioned having examined 444 persons for admission into the church on one country trip, and Mr. Miller said on his last trip he baptized three generations in one family.

In the two months we have lived here I know more of the poverty and helplessness of the Koreans than in all the years I have lived here before; perhaps this winter has been more severe on them than former ones. Not a few have come telling us they were starving. I have spent quite a bit of the past week making sewing that she was capable of doing, for one poor woman who lives just in front of our house. Her house is a little room eight by eight, with a porch and yard the same size, and in this room six persons live and sleep. It is no wonder the Koreans are not a strong, healthy race. She is a Christian, and a true one, I believe. It is so hard in a case like this not to give outright; but we are afraid that would spoil our church, so we find work for them, or make it if necessary.

I had last year a meeting for the women dispensary patients who came to see Dr. Vinton. At this dispensary every Sabbath Dr. Vinton and Korean Christians have an open meeting where the place is crowded—doors, windows, and a throng all around the door, all anxious to hear. It is on one of the largest and busiest of the Seoul streets, and here hundreds have heard of Christ. The listeners are mainly country people who have come into the city to sell or purchase supplies, and not a few soldiers, as the barracks are near. This place is better placed for work among men. The women, as a rule, are timid, and will never go where they are likely to meet men. Week days, however, some would come in and talk and read with me until the foreign doctor was ready to see them.

I am thankful for both your prayers and interest. It is nice to feel that in joy or sorrow we have some who remember us before the Throne of Grace.

MISS WAMBOLD writes from Seoul:

In spite of the threatening political cloud over us, we feel how blessed we are to be here to have a hand in this great opportunity. We are certainly at flood-tide, for Koreans all over the country are asking to be taught the "Jesus doctrine."

CHINA.

Miss Anna L. Howe, having taken first year examinations, and completed four months on her second year of language study, wrote from Nanking, Jan. 20:

I am enjoying this year far more than last, because I can do a little that seems like mission work. It is hard to sit meekly down for a year or two and have little active intercourse with the people.

Our C. E. president goes out this vacation to be married. She was betrothed to a heathen long before her parents or she became Christians. She must, of course, abide by the betrothal, although it makes my heart sad whenever I think of it. Her intended husband comes down for her from Hupeh in the interior. He says it is useless for girls to have an education. We are hoping, however, that when he comes here in contact with foreigners, and Chinese who love and respect foreign customs, he will move with the rest of China.

OPENING FOR WESTERN LEARNING.

The government is now establish ng a school for girls in which both Chinese and Western learning is to be taught. There are to be no bound-footed girls in the school, as soon as time permits the unbinding. Two Chinese girls who were educated at Ann Arbor, under the auspices of Methodist ladies, were to be leading teachers. The plan was to have religious freedom, but they are now seeking to set up a tablet to Confucius and the Ann Arbor students refuse to teach if they do this.

After Chinese New Year I am to teach in the home of Li Hang Chang, the elder brother of Li Hung Chang. I am to teach three girls and three boys English, for one or two hours a day. We take the offer, as an entering wedge for the Gospel. The ladies who do evangelistic work can go with me.

AFRICA.

Mrs. W. C. Gault of Batanga, wrote Jan. 22:

We have been here at Batanga five months in the same house as before. Now that we have three houses at this station, we have much better accommodations. Recently we have named this house (the one first built) "Seaside Cottage," because it is nearest the sea. "Syracuse Cottage" was the second to be put up, and the last house we named "Prospect Cottage," in honor of Mr. Knauer's home church, in Washington County, Penn. At present Mr. Knauer and Mr. Langé room in the latter and take their meals with us.

Our annual mission meeting was held here in December, and the capacity of even our three houses was somewhat taxed.

Mission meetings were held in the commodious reception room of Prospect Cottage.

Next week Mr. Gault expects to accompany Mr. Langé on his first visit to Lolodorf, the "MacClean Memorial Station," which has been opened for work among the Dwarfs.

I am glad to learn that we are to soon have the pleasure of reading "A Life for Africa." It will be a memorial of a good man and a help in the evangelization of Africa. I would prophesy that the book will meet with a hearty welcome in many homes. May God add His blessing and make it a great success.

For the most part we have been very well since our return.

MEXICO.

Mrs. W. E. Vanderbilt wrote from Zitacuaro, March 7:

By this time we feel very much at home at Zitàcuaro. It is a pretty healthful place of about 8,000 inhabitants. During the daytime it is just warm enough to be comfortable; nights and mornings are quite cold.

FIGHTING FIRE IN MEXICAN STYLE.

A few weeks ago Zitàcuaro had quite a fire; it was in the largest store here. About two o'clock in the morning we were wakened by considerable noise on the street. We could get a good view of the fire, as it was but a square from our house. It was amusing to see the Mexicans fight fire. Each man came out with his pitcher, sprinkling pot or tomato can, to throw his little mite on the fire. Some who felt too dignified to throw the water themselves would get a *peon* to carry the water, and would go along to show him just where to throw it. There were hundreds of people thus helping to put it out, and by seven o'clock there was nothing but a little smoke to be seen.

CHURCH HOUSE AND SPIRIT.

The old church has been torn down, and a new one is soon to be put up provided the Board can spare a little money. We hold all services at our house, and not nearly as many attend as would if there were a regular church building. The Roman Catholics sneer at us, and say the Virgin sent a wind to blow the church down. But we hope soon to show them that they are mistaken. We have a fine S. C. E. Sunday services consist of Sunday-school at 10:30 and preaching at 3:30. The latter service is conducted by a faithful elder, at those times when Mr. Vanderbilt is away visiting the congregations. The church here is self-supporting, both religiously and financially. In addition to paying its own expenses, it has contributed $18 to the Mexican Home Mission Board this year.

SIAM.

ROUTINE IN HARRIET M. HOUSE SCHOOL.

MISS EDNA COLE writes from BANGKOK:

Would you like to look in upon us at work in our busy school here?

The children get up very early in the morning and bathe in circles of nine, for the bath-room is not large enough to accommodate all at once. They sweep the class-rooms, chapel, dormitories and verandahs, lay the tables for breakfast, etc. Breakfast is only a light meal, consisting one morning of bread and tea, another morning of soft boiled rice, salt fish, garlic, etc. There are four long tables in the dining-room, at each of which sit twenty girls or more. By eight o'clock the work of washing the dishes and sweeping is done, and the bell rings for morning prayers. The children look happy and contented and sing with spirit. Prayers over, school continues until half-past ten, when they have their hearty breakfast of boiled rice curry, fried fish, cucumbers, egg plant, crabs and anything else that is in season. They play till half-past eleven and then books are resumed till one. They have then a plate of Siamese cakes and play till half-past one, when the bell rings for sewing, which they do till half-past three. At four, dinner, and play till half-past six, when they go in to prepare lessons for the next day. At seven we have evening prayers and the smallest are put to bed; by nine o'clock all are sleeping.

Such is our work for every day in the week except one, when the girls do their own washing, ironing, cleaning and mending.

On Sabbath we have service in chapel at half-past nine, then breakfast, after which the children are kept quiet by picture books, and those who are able to read prepare their Sabbath-school lessons. At one all lie down for an hour, and Sabbath-school follows. At seven o'clock prayers, then rest.

FIVE GIRLS GRADUATED

this year. The school is almost self-supporting now, and nearly all the children's parents pay well, but I trust we shall always be able to take in the poorest, if worthy, and give them a chance in our school. At present we have ten charity pupils. Three of the five graduates will help in the school, while two will go into one of the government schools.

MRS. MCCLURE of PETCHABUREE says:

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor (of Lakawn) are school friends of mine. I have not seen them in eight years, although they look so near on the map.

We had a Christian wedding last Friday. A teacher in the girls' school, to the teacher in my boys' school. A nice, quiet home wedding, with plenty of decorations (flags and greens), plenty of music, plenty of cakes and speeches. To our surprise the bride did not go to her husband till Monday evening, as relatives insisted that Monday was the lucky day.

We are still praying for the blessing at this station. I presume you have heard of the falling off in the last year. Only the Holy Spirit can revive us and quicken those who came for the loaves and fishes.

AS A LITTLE CHILD.

Perhaps you have seen the poem "Maa Yam." A few days ago I saw her and another old lady preparing for their bath in the river. I said "Are you not afraid when the river is so deep as now?" "We always pray before we go in," she said, and right there on the river's brink they bowed their heads in silent prayer. What a sweet lesson from two women who were heathen until a few short years ago.

INDIA.

MISS PRATT wrote from AMBALA, March 7:

November 1st I lost my Christian teacher. For three months I had to sit my five hours a day in the various schools, teaching not only the Bible but arithmetic, geography and sewing, anything, everything but Koran. Besides these four schools, I have a verandah school for our own girls and others of the compound. I never expected that mission work would mean sitting down and basting patchwork, teaching to sew over and over, hemming, etc., but I am glad I know how. I feel sure I'd rather teach geometry and philosophy; however, I had my battle out the first year of my Indian life as to whether I'd do what I wanted to do or would willingly do what the Lord gave me. I think He has given me, here in Ambala, hems to baste. I have good help now. To-day I have opened the longed-for sewing school. Thirty minutes will be given to the Bible. Zenana work on a new plan.

All last year we had a profitable C. E. Society; owing to some changes, the women are now banded together in a Christian Association, while the men are a C. E. S. I like the union, but it doesn't work as well in India.

You know, of course, that we have had rain, so that hard times in that direction are at an end. We are having a cold, sharp wind that would not do discredit to Iowa. The plague is not far off and spreading. A government order has been issued for all houses to be whitewashed and cleaned. It would be a good job done, if Ambala should be cleaned; it is one of the filthiest towns in India.

HOME DEPARTMENT

THE MISSIONARY PRAYER MEETING FOR JULY.

General Subject—Christian Literature in Missions.

(a) Necessity for a Christian literature—the Bible, religious works, text books, etc.
(b) Processes of creating—translating, printing, difficulties attending.
(c) Colportage.
(d) Mission newspapers and magazines.

Prayer—thanksgiving for the Word of God in circulation in 381 languages outside of Christendom.

Prayer—for blessing on the eight presses and twelve newspapers of our missions.

WOMAN'S BOARDS IN ANNUAL MEETING.

At Trenton, N. J., April 27, 28.

A most helpful and inspiring hour of prayer on Tuesday evening imparted the keynote to the meetings of the Twenty-eighth Annual Assembly of the Philadelphia Society, which were held in the Third Church, Trenton. The Assembly was strongly educational in character. A most interesting educational exhibit was arranged, illustrating phases of the social and religious life in Oriental lands.

Mrs. Chas. P. Turner, President of the Society, presided at the Wednesday morning meeting, and to her gracious womanhood and true executive ability were largely due the fine harmony and tone throughout the Assembly. The loyalty and admiration of the delegates for their president were frequently shown by the remark: "I wish Mrs. Turner would preside oftener. We don't begin to see enough of her."

There was a spirited conference upon Young People's Work. Missionary intelligence is the crying need. Study classes, in the line of the Student Volunteer course, were strongly recommended. The women of our societies are admonished to feel an increased responsibility towards the Christian Endeavor Societies since their transfer by the General Assembly to the Woman's Boards.

The conference of synodical and presbyterial officers was pregnant with helpful hints. Let each presbyterial officer ask herself, "What am I doing to bring the young people of our Society to pray, work and give for missions?" A discussion introduced by two papers upon "Ignorance—Indifference," "Knowledge—Interest," developed many timely facts. The mind must be informed before the heart will sympathize and the hands will work.

The report of the Secretaries for Home Correspondence showed increased activity among the young. "Master workmen are those apprenticed in youth." "Could we be as patriotic and devoted to the interests of the Heavenly Country, and as loyal to the King of kings as we have proved ourselves a people, in the past few weeks, to earthly kingdoms and our beloved President, would not fifty million dollars be laid in a day at the feet of our Lord, and a life-giving thrill from Christian America reach out to uplift the uttermost parts of the earth?"

From reports of the Secretaries for Foreign Correspondence we note the following: Foreign Missions pay. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Speer's visit a blessing everywhere. There is a strange restlessness in India. Trained nurses are a great acquisition. Disastrous results of the cut in appropriations; those on the field are not responsible for the sorrow and pain which have followed broken promises and shattered hopes and which are causing many of Christ's little ones to stumble. Is the cause lack of money or of love?

The Treasurer's report showed a total of $155,484.73 raised—an increase of $17,000 over last year. The increase was largely due to the contributions for the debt and the gifts from Christian Endeavor Societies.

The convention was greatly blessed in the unusually large number of missionaries present: dear "Mother Hepburn," who spent over thirty years in Japan; Mrs. R. G. Wilder, who went to India

in 1852, and hopes soon to return, with her daughter, Miss Grace Wilder; Mrs. J. M. Alexander, Miss Donaldson, Miss Savage and Mrs. Wyckoff, also of India; Mrs. Schnatz, Africa; Mrs. Hamilton, Miss Morton, Mrs. Wherry, from China; Miss Davis, from Japan; Mrs. Potter, from Persia; Miss Dascomb and Miss Williamson, from South America; Mrs. Gerald F. Dale, Jr., Miss E. M. Law, from Syria; Mrs. Phraner, from Siam, and Rev. J. C. R. Ewing, D.D., of Lahore, India. Each of our missionaries, when presented, responded by giving in a few words the most hopeful sign in her work. Among many encouragements we glean a few:

China.—Hospital and medical work has been and will continue to be the medium through which superstition and prejudice will be removed. The Old Testament is included in the list of books for the civil service examination in Ningpo.

India.—The famine and plague are God's instruments to bring in many. The zenana work, where little boys come into contact with the Gospel teaching.

Japan.—Christian schools for the children.

Persia.—Teaching and living the Gospel. Islam is the most fruitful agency in destroying souls; it must be combated with the life-giving Gospel.

South America.—Suggestive articles are placed in the daily papers which go all over Brazil.

Syria.—The gentleness, patience and consecration of the medical missionaries, and the influence exerted by the pupils of our schools when they return home.

At the two evening meetings most inspiring addresses were given by Rev. Dr. Ewing, Rev. Arthur J. Brown, D.D., Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, and Mr. L. D. Wishard, who brought a stirring message from the Student Volunteers.

The closing half-hour on Thursday afternoon will long remain in the minds of those present as a precious waiting in God's presence. At its close the farewells were spoken, each daughter of the King glad to take up one more year's work for Jesus, feeling

> "'Tis joy, not duty,
> To speak His beauty,"

whether it be this side of the ocean or the other. *Salome W. Nelson.*

At Minneapolis, Minn., April 27, 28.

Minneapolis, clean, sunshiny, warm and beautiful, welcomed the inflowing delegations all day Tuesday. But that was not the first welcome: for the aspiring general chairman of arrangements had sought to gild gold by having every hostess reach out a cordial hand in advance (thanks to the postman!), making every guest to be fully convinced that for those hostesses life would not be worth the living if her guests should fail to appear. And that spacious, beautiful, bewildering new Westminster Church! Thirty rooms, did you say? Covers more ground surface than any other church in the U. S.? I thought so! It is like the Heavenly City: it lieth four square: it hath gates on every side, open to all nations: it holdeth rest, peace, lily-fragrance, palm-inspiration, color-symphony, organ-tone, the sound of many voices singing Alleluia, the communion of the saints, and the life everlasting begun.

Like unto the intricate and intermingled color of the great rose windows, making their glorious harmony through which shone the western sun; *so* were the days of the meetings, filled with individual thought, topic and personality, yet unified and glorified all, by the clear shining through all of the Sun of Righteousness. The president, Mrs. Henry Forsyth, being detained at home by illness, the presiding officer was Mrs. N. W. Campbell, whose strong and restful presence made itself felt during all the hours. The regular sessions were preceded on Tuesday by conferences of synodical and presbyterial officers in union and in sections, a feature of such value as should ensure its permanency.

The welcome so gracefully extended by Mrs. W. M. Tenney was as gracefully accepted in behalf of the Board and delegates by Mrs. C. C. Brown, who, with a delicate recognition of the local environment, cast her words in the mould of "Hiawatha." Then followed an oppression of riches.

Something must have happened to the modern missionary. There used to be some dear blessed saints among them who could not "talk in meeting," however successfully they had labored in the foreign field. But now they are *all* witty and eloquent, of gracious presence and manner, clear-voiced and purpose-

ful, if we judge by those present at this meeting. What a "goodlie companie"! Mrs. Wallace and Miss Johnson of Mexico; Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Nelson of Syria; Mrs. Winn of Japan; Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Hays of China; Miss Irwin of India; Miss Medbery of Persia. And every one wanting "more time" to tell of their happiness in the work, its successes, its needs, its blessedness: and best of all, every one manifesting the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit. No wonder Mrs. Rhea was proud and happy in presenting them, together with the five candidates, three of whom are already under appointment, and the fourth probably so.

One can make but a bare catalogue of the good things: the young people's evening under conduct of Mrs. N. D. Hillis, with its witty and telling address by Mrs. Wallace of Mexico; the morning devotional hour led by Mrs. Brainerd, with its special pleasure in the presence and words of that beloved saint, Mrs. Van Cleve; the missionary finance symposium of practical nature; the forceful and characteristic address of Secretary Speer; the reports all showing marked advance; the intensely interesting address of Mrs. J. H. Barrows, one of the best among many good things; the tender, deeply spiritual communion service conducted by the pastor of the church, a man whose praise was in every mouth: all these must be filled out by the remembrance of those present, the imagination of those less fortunate.

The treasurer's report showed a gain in contributions over last year of $20,000, the total being nearly $91,000; and an increase in membership.

The graciousness, the beauty, the perfection of all the details of hospitality in the homes and in the church will always be a fragrant memory. And so we "came down from the mount" to take up daily service, but bringing to that service added hope, courage, vigor.

D. B. Wells.

At Plattsburgh, N. Y., April 20, 21.

In compliance with the cordial invitation extended by the ladies of the church, Rev. Joseph Gamble pastor, the delegates and friends of the society of Northern New York assembled at 3.30 P. M., April 20, for the opening service of prayer. Owing to the distance between Plattsburgh and many other points in our territory, the delegation was unusually small, and continued rainy weather kept away many from the neighboring towns who would otherwise have attended. But the small body of earnest women who came together, to ask for a blessing on this special occasion, knew no discouragement from lack of numbers or inclement conditions, and this spirit of spiritual exaltation was noticeable throughout the services of the two days. Mrs. Meers of Albany led the meeting and suggested the idea of the missionary structure "with God as the architect furnishing plans and specifications; God's children as builders; God's love the cornerstone; God's promises the foundations; faith, hope, love, sympathy, gifts and prayer the stones with which we build."

The evening meeting, in charge of Mr. Gamble, provided a rare opportunity to listen to a missionary speaker of great personal power and eloquence, for Rev. J. C. R. Ewing of Forman College, Lahore, delivered an address. After a half-hour's discourse upon the subject of India, its conditions, needs and the result of missionary labor there, Dr. Ewing concluded with this forceful utterance: "None but Jesus Christ deserves to wear the great and glorious diadem of India, and He shall wear it, shall He not?"

Preceding the meeting Thursday morning, a short devotional service was conducted by Mrs. Westfall of Cambridge, N. Y. At ten o'clock the regular meeting convened and the president delivered her annual address. She presented several thoughts for the consideration of her audience. First: we are responsible for what we *do*—not for the results, God will look after them; second, the blessing of the work to the worker. Plans for interesting children in mission work were suggested from personal experience, and a number of valuable hints were given. The report of the year's work followed, the general secretary reporting encouragement in the midst of great financial discouragements. Notwithstanding the pitiful cry, "You are putting us back when you cut down expenses," the news from our immediate objects of interest shows progress.

One of the most interesting features of the entire session was the address by Miss Anna R. Morton, who is home after her first seven years' service at the head of the girls' boarding school in Ningpo, China. Her account of work among Chinese girls and women was full of interest and profit to her listeners. Foot-binding continues to be almost universally practiced, and the degradation of the women is appalling. Miss Morton, as well as Dr. Ewing, made an appeal for preservation of the personal dignity of the missionary in the minds of Christians at home. She said, "Don't pity us! We love our work for Jesus' sake. We need your prayers, not your pity."

The first hour in the afternoon was devoted to business, the existing staff of officers being re-elected for the coming year. Miss Emma De Forest conducted the "Young People's Hour" and put so much of her personal energy into the meeting that its contagion was felt and the programme was carried out with a spirit and energy that delighted all. Papers prepared by Miss White of Saranac, Miss Janet Davidson of Albany and Miss Ellen Freeman of Troy were read; Miss De Forest told about a preacher in China whose salary is paid by some of our C. E. Societies; and then Rev. James B. Rodgers of Brazil was introduced. He told of his experiences in that country, where lack of moral principle and the absence of a feeling of personal responsibility make a stable republic an impossibility; coupled with these inherent failings, the theories of Roman Catholicism have produced a false religion which it is hard to combat. From both Miss De Forest and Mr. Rodgers came stirring accounts of the Student Volunteer Convention at Cleveland. At the conclusion of the evening meeting, where Dr. Gillespie, Secretary of the Assembly's Board, delivered a very able and interesting address, the delegates bade their kind hostesses and each other farewell, for departures began at an early hour the next morning. Too much cannot be said for the truly hospitable way in which the ladies of the church opened their homes for the entertainment of the visitors, each one of whom carried away with her a pleasant recollection of her two days' sojourn in Plattsburgh.

Eugenia P. Meneely.

At Wichita, Kansas, April 28, 29.

It was the privilege of the Board of the Southwest to hold its twenty-first annual meeting in the First Church, Wichita. Everything that kindly forethought and warm-hearted hospitality on the part of the ladies could suggest, was done for our comfort and entertainment.

On Thursday morning we met with Rev. C. E. Bradt, pastor of the church, and the Rev. Mr. Fezel, pastor of one of the sister churches of Wichita, to participate in a solemn and inspiring communion service. We felt that the Holy Spirit had indeed come into our midst in power, and we awaited, and not in vain, a season of peculiar blessing. After the invocation by Mrs. E. W. Tweeddale of Topeka, a cordial welcome to Wichita was extended by Mrs. H. M. DuBoise, which received an appropriate response from our president, Mrs. C. R. Hopkins.

Miss Anna Melton's address was the feature of the morning, and no one present could fail to be impressed with her message, whose keynote was the necessity of complete personal consecration to God's work on the part of the laborers in His vineyard.

The synods reported, through their secretaries, a decided increase in gifts and in the number of Auxiliaries.

In the afternoon Mrs. J. M. Miller, of St. Louis, spoke of the value of missionary literature and its importance as a factor in missionary education. A plea was made for more subscribers to *Over Sea and Land*, and Mrs. H. F. Williams, Secretary for Missionary Letters, made a special appeal for WOMAN'S WORK FOR WOMAN. Many of those present made purchases from the literature on sale.

The Question Hour, conducted by Mrs. C. R. Goodrich of Neosho Falls, furnished opportunity for discussion on many questions of vital interest. Methods of advancing the work, of providing channels for ready and unobstructed communication between the Executive Committee and the Auxiliaries, of furnishing traveling libraries of missionary literature, received due consideration.

Thursday afternoon closed with interesting reports from the secretaries. Mrs. Luella Knight, Secretary for Missionary

Speakers, gave an account of the visits of Miss McGuire, Miss Cogdal and Miss Melton to Auxiliaries and presbyterial meetings. The latter visited almost all the presbyteries in Kansas and Missouri, delivering over three hundred addresses, and organizing a number of societies. Uncountable blessings attended the footsteps of these devoted servants of the Master as they fared to and fro on their errands. The Secretary for Missionary Candidates, Mrs. L. W. Manning, reported that Miss McArthur and Miss Fleming were finishing their medical training in Chicago, and the latter would sail for China in August.

The popular meeting in the evening was made interesting by addresses by Miss McGuire of Osaka, Japan, who gave an exhaustive description of the characteristics of the Japanese and their manner of "adapting" the Gospel to their needs; and Miss Cogdal of the South Gate Mission, Shanghai, who delineated briefly the Chinese native church, to which she belonged.

Friday morning, a devotional service led by Mrs. Tweeddale, was followed by the report of the treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Burg. Receipts this year exceeded those of last by $1,040, every synod and nearly every presbytery having gained. The Thank-offering service, led with marked ability by Mrs. H. F. Williams, was amply justified—the whole session was a continuous praise service. A touching song, "Just for To-Day," was sung by a lady of Wichita, with great expression.

An account of our missionaries was given by Mrs. H. W. Prentis, acting Foreign Corresponding Secretary, with tender words of regret for Mrs. Morrison, "dead on the field of honor." Brief prayers for richest blessings on our representatives in the foreign field closed this interesting part of the programme. The Endeavor Hour, led by Mrs. A. J. Niemeyer, Secretary for Junior Societies, had, among other interesting features, a bright address by Miss Pearl Aikin of Lyons, Kansas.

Friday evening opened with an appeal to the young people, by Miss Lilian Trusdell, Secretary for Senior Societies, in which need for strenuous effort was made the theme. Then, like the wedding feast at which our Lord was a guest, the best wine, kept till the last, was produced in the shape of an address by Mr. Robert Speer. To those who have had the privilege of hearing Mr. Speer, no panegyric is necessary, while to those who have not, no mere words can depict the magnetic earnestness of his manner, which heightens the impressiveness of his message. Mr. Speer described his trip through Asia, depicting graphically the condition of the nations and the effects of the Gospel on each.

We look back upon these few days of Christian companionship with loving regret, and forward, with pleasant anticipations, to our next annual meeting, to be held in Topeka.

(*Mrs. J. M.*) ——— *Miller.*

At San Francisco, April 6-8.

Never have the Occidental Board rooms appeared more beautiful and inviting than at the reception given Wednesday afternoon, April 6, to inaugurate our Silver Jubilee. Bright sunshine without; within, glad, cordial greetings, hum of happy voices, fragrance of flowers, roses *and* roses, fruit blossoms and the rich golden California poppy—of the Occident—in vases and urns from the Orient. Many Eastern tourists were present, and the words "wonderful," "inspiring" were heard from more than one pair of lips as the girls recited, sang or gave Scripture verses to the visitors to be taken home as a text for their church or society.

The next day the meeting was held "across the bay" in Berkeley, our university town, and right royally were we welcomed by Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Dinsmore of San José responding. After an impressive devotional service our president, Mrs. P. D. Browne, gave the keynote of the Jubilee meeting in the words "joy and rejoicing," and all through the meetings there seemed to be ringing the joy bells. Joy over souls redeemed, joy that the Lord has permitted us to be co-laborers with Him, joy over more workers sent into the field, joy that Christ's name has been honored.

Reports from the secretaries were all in the same strain—rejoicing in being able to report more workers enlisted among the women and young people. The treasurer reported the largest sum

ever raised by this Board, surely cause for rejoicing.

The Occidental Board now has 15 missionaries of her own, among them Dr. Alice Fish, sent out to Korea since our last annual meeting. Short sketches of their lives were given by delegates from the eight different presbyteries—bits of history, a message, and from all a request to be remembered in our prayers.

A memorial service was conducted by Mrs. P. D. Browne in honor of Miss Margaret Culbertson, for 18 years our faithful missionary and matron of our Mission Home.

Mrs. Field, the present matron, reported 67 girls in the Home during the year; 8 were helped back to China, 15 fled to us for protection, 9 have been wards of the government, 2 baby girls born in the Home, 10 weddings celebrated, 9 girls baptized and united with the church; 38 are now present at the Home.

After the Junior Endeavor exercises, Dr. Carson of San Francisco delivered a spirited address on Foreign Missions. The "Twilight Hour of Prayer" was conducted by Mrs. Burbank. The Senior C. E. conducted the opening service on Thursday evening, and Dr. Coyle of Oakland delivered a powerful address to a large congregation. Friday the meeting was held at the Home and was an especial Jubilee service. The devotional service led by Mrs. Stevens was full of power; prayer after prayer was offered until long after the time allotted. No wonder we had such a glorious meeting.

A Jubilee poem, "A Sheaf of Years," by Mrs. Field, and another by Mrs. A. S. Evans of San José, were read. Brief speeches made by all the presbyterial presidents still sounded the joy bells. A paper entitled "A Quarter Century," by Mrs. I. M. Condit, and another entitled "Twenty-five Years—the World's Progress," by Mrs. E. V. Robbins, were read. We are glad they are to appear in print. The Silver Jubilee Offering Service was conducted by Mrs. Denniston and Mrs. Wright. The offering will be applied to the debt of the Foreign Mission Board.

One of the most interesting features of this jubilee service was the appearance of over 200 Chinese women and children from heathen homes, piloted to the platform by Mrs. Garrette and Mrs. Vrooman, who visit these homes. One of the most touching and pathetic scenes was that while these women, many with babes in arms, filed down the aisle—and it took a long time, there were so many of them—the whole congregation arose and sang reverently the good old-fashioned hymn, "Come to Jesus, come to Jesus just now." This service was closed with prayer by Mrs. Farrand, who gave as a watchword the words of Joseph Neesima, "Let us advance on our knees." Sweet were the moments of prayer in the afternoon service conducted by Mrs. Sturge. Our president then gave her address, leading us to higher thoughts and aims. Time was never better spent than by listening to words earnest and strong from Dr. Sturge, formerly of Siam, now of the Japanese work in this city, as he spoke of hospital and mission work in Siam, and to Mr. Beattie of China.

The King's Daughters of the Chinese church gave us an insight into their work, and Dr. Condit in a few choice words, prayer and benediction, closed our Silver Jubilee meeting—the best year in the history of the Occidental Board.

(*Mrs. F. R.*) *Mary J. Farrand.*

At Portland, Ore., April 19, 20.

On the morning of April 19, tenth anniversary of the North Pacific Board, a large number of delegates and visitors assembled in Calvary Church, the meeting being called to order by Mrs. Lockwood, Associate President, and the opening exercises led by Mrs. Hugh Lamont.

Under such suggestive topics as "Notes and Chronicles," "Chapters from the Lives of Our Missionaries," "The North Pacific by Flash Light," "Prospecting and Pre-empting," "Mines and Mining," "Free Silver," and reports from "Press" and "Freight" departments, the secretaries presented in a most faithful and profitable way the checkered experiences of our different departments of work during the year.

The report by Mrs. Wm. M. Ladd, president of the Chinese Home Committee, was a forcible presentation of the condition and needs of the Refuge Home. "Daily Life in the Home" was graphically described by the matron, Mrs. Clarkson. Mrs. H. C. Campbell, recording secretary, noted many important milestones in the year's course. Among these: earnest prayers for our president, Mrs.

W. S. Ladd, during her long and dangerous illness last spring, have been answered; a plan for the encouragement of systematic home study of missionary literature has been presented to the auxiliaries and is being cordially received; other forward steps will be found recorded in the Annual Report, of vital interest to every worker within the boundaries of our Board.

Mrs. E. T. Allen, returned missionary, vividly portrayed the degradation of the women of Persia; then in swift, strong light showed us the good which is being accomplished by girls who have gone out from the mission schools, whose individual education has not cost, and whose present salary does not exceed, the amount of your glove bill in a year. Yet the work is cut down, untold capabilities for good are lying unused, and past expenditures going to waste.

Mr. E. T. Allen of Persia and Miss Ida M. Skinner (Baptist), missionary from India, also made interesting addresses.

In a bright half-hour talk, Mrs. Laura Preston Campbell lived over again with us her life "way down" at Walnut Springs, N. C., stirring every heart with a new sense of the joy to be found in this work among the mountaineers.

The first delightful evening session was termed a "Nugget Gathering," and the specimens presented by the young people proved that as miners they know how to succeed.

The report of Miss Mathews, secretary for Christian Endeavor Society, presented at this meeting, took the form of a most loyal and cordial greeting to the North Pacific Board, with assurance of faithful support in future. The C. E. of Calvary Church was commended as the banner society, up to date.

Mosaics—from the discussion conducted on Wednesday afternoon by that well-beloved presbyterial leader, Mrs. D. O. Ghormley of Moscow, Idaho: "If enthusiasm for Christ is lacking, there is no interest in missions; therefore, to 'interest the uninterested,' seek to lead them first into deeper love for Christ."

"If some are uninterested it may be because we do not show forth the beauty and joy of service."

"Our prayers are more definite than they used to be, and we have been surprised at the definite answers."

"Our smaller societies have in the past seemed to rest in the thought that the larger societies would advance the work without their help. Now we all feel our responsibility more."

"Our society is quick to feel the needs of the hour."

"Our motto—to bring every woman into the missionary society."

"What is the great need in mission band work? Born leaders, with hands free from all other work."

A fact to remember: the largest growth and best results of the year are reported from the "definite prayer" presbytery.

Mrs. Milligan's "Historical Sketch," with its story of struggle and growth and the tender touch of Providence through ten earnest years, will long be cherished in the archives of the Board, as also Mrs. Holbrook's "History of the Chinese Rescue Work."

Many loving memories of faithful workers were awakened by the Bible responses to the anniversary roll call, led by Mrs. W. B. Gilbert. Affectionate greetings were telegraphed from New York by the absent president, and by the Board in return, during the anniversary. The next annual meeting will be held in the First Church of Tacoma.

Lucia C. Bell.

A DOZEN QUESTIONS FOR MISSIONARY MEETING.

[Answers may be found in the preceding pages.]

How many occasions for thanksgiving to God do you find in pp. 141, 142?

How many members in our "Veteran Corps"? Page 143.

Give one item of individual experience that impresses you from pp. 143–146.

Mention an "unpopular view" and tell where it is unpopular. Page 147.

What does Mrs. Bishop call "the greatest trial" on the field? Page 148.

What do missionary wives find to do? Pages 148–151.

What do Zulu women encounter from their heathen families, when they become Christians? Page 152.

Summarize Mr. Haworth's delightful sketch. Page 153.

What does Mr. Bryce think of missionaries in South Africa? Page 154.

Give two proofs of its being flood-tide in Korea. Page 156.

What stand did the Chinese girls from Ann Arbor take? Page 157.

What is the best suggestion you found in reports of the recent Annual Meetings? Pages 159–165.

SUGGESTION CORNER.—A strong request has come that missionaries and other women be asked to please *lift their veils* when they address our meetings. Some have not been heard, others have not been recognized behind their veils. The veiled mouth belongs to the Orient, and even there we are trying to banish it.

SINCE LAST MONTH.

ARRIVALS.

April 13.—At Allegheny City, Pa., Miss Katharine Fleeson from the Laos Mission. Address, New Kensington, Pa.

April 16.—At New York, Rev. W. H. Hannum and family from W. India Mission. Address, Columbus, Ohio.

Dr. H. M. Lane from Brazil. Address, 118 Montague Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

April 24.—At New York, C. F. Friend, M.D., and Mrs. Friend, from Africa.

May 9.—At Philadelphia, Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Woodside from India. Address, 25 Granville Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

DEPARTURES.

April 30.—From New York, Miss Lea M. Dubè of Saint Anne, Ill., for Africa, where she will be married to Dr. Bennett, who went out last year.

May 9.—From Vancouver, Mrs. H. G. Underwood, returning to Korea.

Rev. Jas. S. Gale and family, returning to Korea.

May 10.—From San Francisco, Rev. C. E. Eckels and family, returning to Siam.

RESIGNATIONS.

Rev. and Mrs. Herman Schnatz, Africa. Appointed 1894, '95.

Miss Margaret C. Davis, N. India. Appointed 1893.

DEATHS.

March 16.—At Chefoo, China, from scarlet fever, Ruth Edna, aged six and a half years, youngest daughter of Annetta Thompson Mills and the late Rev. Chas. R. Mills, D.D., of Tungchow.

April —.—At Chinanfu, from pneumonia, Miss Fanny E. Wight, after twelve years in China.

April 26.—At Saratoga, N. Y., from pneumonia, Elsie, youngest child of Rev. and Mrs. T. S. Pond of Caracas, Venezuela.

To the Auxiliaries.

[FOR ADDRESS OF EACH HEADQUARTERS AND LIST OF OFFICERS SEE THIRD PAGE OF COVER.]

From New York.

Prayer-meeting at 156 Fifth Ave., corner 20th St., the first Wednesday of each month at 10.30 A.M. Each other Wednesday there is a half-hour meeting for prayer and reading of missionary letters, commencing at same hour.

THE Annual Praise Meeting of the Fourth Church, Syracuse, was this year merged into a reception to Miss Law of Beirut. Three hundred and fifty invitations were issued and a right royal supper followed, prepared by the King's Daughters. The prayer-meeting topic the same evening was "Missions," and Miss Law spoke again Saturday afternoon to the "Happy Thought Band" of young ladies, and on Sunday to the kindergarten and Sunday-school and to the Senior and Junior C. E. Societies. The mission spirit runs through every department of the Fourth Church, and they were strengthened and delighted by this visit from their "own missionary."

THE Annual Meeting of Westchester Presbyterial Society was held April 27 and 28 in the beautiful church of Stamford, Ct. The special feature of interest was the presence of Mrs. McCauley of Japan, who has long been identified with the Society. The faithful Foreign Correspondence Secretary, Miss Olivia B. Walsh, tendered her resignation because of ill health. It was hoped that a year's rest might prove all that was needed, and Miss Johnson of Peekskill was elected for the year in her stead. The address in the evening was by Rev. Chas. Cuthbert Hall, D.D., and was singularly fitting and eminently inspiring.

THE election of officers at the Annual Meeting of Syracuse Presbyterial Society was followed by an installation service, which was rendered most effective by the rising of the audience as the re-elected officers returned to the platform. The president gracefully acknowledged this courtesy and then read the pledge on page 48 of WOMAN'S WORK for February, to which all the officers assented, and then followed a prayer asking for the presence of "the Holy Spirit in all our work, in our pens when we write, in our words when we speak, and in all our plans for service."

THE only organ that went to the field last year through our Board was sent by the "Soldiers of the King," Second Church, Middletown, N. Y., to Mr. Houston at Nanking, China.

MISSIONARY COTTAGE AT CHAUTAUQUA.—Missionaries of the Presbyterian Church, who wish to visit Chautauqua the coming season, are invited to occupy rooms, free of expense, in the Cottage connected with the Presbyterian House for two weeks in July or August. Early application should be made. Address, "Post Office Box No. 1, Chautauqua, N. Y."—Mrs. E. A. SKINNER, Secretary.

NEW AUXILIARIES AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

CONNECTICUT.
Bridgeport, Young People's Soc.

MASSACHUSETTS.
Springfield.

MISSOURI.
Kirkwood, Golden Links.
St. Louis, Clifton Heights.

NEW YORK.
Avoca (reorg).
Cape Vincent.
Downsville.
Guilford Center.
Margaretville (reorg).
Milford.
New York, University Place Ch.
Evening Branch of For. Miss. Soc.

Receipts of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church from April 1, 1898.

[PRESBYTERIES IN SMALL CAPITALS.] * Indicates Thank Offering. † Debt of Board.

BALTIMORE.—Baltimore, Brown Mem'l, Mrs. Jones' Bd.,† $10.00

BELLEFONTAINE.—Belle Centre, 18, S.C.E., 3.57; Bellefontaine, 78, S.C.E., 16.27; Buck Creek, 21; Bucyrus, 23.50, S.C.E., 5; Crestline, 7.55, S.C.E., 1.43; DeGraff, 1; Forest, 16; Galion, 25.90; Huntsville, 1; Kenton, 51.38, Y.L.S., 17.50, S.C.E., 3.81; Marseilles, 3; Rushsylvania, S.C.E., 3.10; Spring Hill, 5.75, Tiro, 2; Upper Sandusky, 5, S.C.E., 11; Urbana, 59; West Liberty, 11, S.C.E., 6; Zanesfield, 5.50, 411.06

BLAIRSVILLE.—Manor, 7.20; Johnstown, 2d, 6.10; Parnassus, 17.86, S.S., 50, 81.16

CARLISLE.—Harrisburg, Market Square, Macedonian Bd., †90, Sen'r S.S., 24.44, 114.44

CATAWBA.—Concord, Westm'r, Willing Workers, 29. Little Ants, 1.30; Scotia Sem., 25, 55.30

CHESTER.—East Whiteland, 12.00

CHILLICOTHE.—Bainbridge, 4, S.C.E., 9, S.C.E. Jr., 3; Bloomingburg, 11.50, S.C.E., 3, S.C.E. Jr., 1; Bourneville, 4.50, S.C.E., 7.50; Chillicothe, 1st (†51), 81, Golden Links, 5, S.C.E., 12; 3d, 5.40, S.C.E., 3, S.C.E. Jr., 75 cts.; Concord, 1.35; Frankfort, 1; Greenfield, 12.55, S.C.E., 13.48; Hamden, 7.50; Hillsboro, 20.75, S.C.E., 10; McArthur, S.C.E. Jr., 1.30; Marshall, 4; Mem'l, 1; Mt. Pleasant, 10; North Fork, 6.Ch. Givers, 3.24; Pisgah, 7.50, S.C.E., 6, Miss Caldwell's Cl., 83 cts.; Washington C. H., 10; Wilkesville, S.C.E., 2.50; Wilmington, S.C.E., 3, 293.65

CLEVELAND.—Akron, 1st, 10, S.C.E., 10; Central, S.C.E., 1; Ashtabula (*†23.90), 32.94, S.C.E., 25, S.C.E. Int., 5, S.C.E. Jr., 5; Cleveland, 1st (*27), 297.42, Haydn Reading Circle, 43.55, S.S., 38.33, S.C.E., 30.70; 2d (*†76.25, †5), 271.45, Handy Bd., 50, Jas. Eells Bd., 55; Beckwith, 102.26, S.S., 13.34, S.C.E., 10; Bethany, 9.22; Bolton Ave., 44.58, S.C.E., 40, S.C.E. Jr., 5; Calvary (*†116), 251.05, Haydn Soc., 43.13, Junior Bd., 1.50, S.C.E., 12.50; Case Ave. (*6.25), 45.51, S.S., 20, S.C.E., 22.50; Euclid Ave. (*21.81), 205.31, S.S., 76.67, S.C.E., 25; Miles Park, 23, S.S., 15, S.C.E., 25; North (*25), 49.50, Sunbeams, 10, S.C.E., 8; South, 10, S.C.E. Jr., 2.50; Willson Ave. (*5.70), 15.20, S.S., 7.77, Primary Cl., 7.70, S.C.E., 30, S.C.E. Jr., 5.75; Woodland Ave. (*26.10), 148.69, King's Sons and Daughters, 28, S. Adams Bd., 5, S.C.E., 15, S.C.E. Jr., 5; East Cleveland 1st (*42.10), 106.25, S.S., 37.25, S.C.E., 15; Windermere (*6.50), 18.49, S.C.E., 10.81; Glenville (*12.07), 17.06, S.C.E., 5; Northfield (*1), 4; N. Springfield (*1), 4.25; Orwell (*9), 14, S.C.E., 10; Painesville, L. E. Sem., 30; Parma (*2.35), 9.35; Rome, 5; Scville, Guilford, 11; Solon, 5, S.C.E., 10; S. New Lyme (*5), 13, S.C.E. Jr., 1.25; Streetsboro', 5.42, S.C.E., †5; Willoughby, 14.77, S.C.E., 6.50, S.C.E. Jr., 7.50, 2.579.75

COLUMBUS.—Bremen, 5; Central College, 14; Circleville, 31.56, S.C.E., 18, S.C.E. Jr., 5; Columbus, 1st, 46.35, Delia Loving Bd., 25; 2d Ch., 94.35, Y.L.S., 21, Moore Bd., 6.23, Y. L. C., 7, Primary Sch., 20.10, S.C.E., 4.26; Broad St., 94.45, S.C.E., 25; 5th Ave., 1.25; Westm'r, 93.51, Y.L.S., 51, Willing Workers, 20.80, Little Helpers, 14; Olivet, 2.65; Grove City, 25 cts.; Groveport, 3; Lancaster, 29.60; Lithopolis, 2.25; London, 22.04, Mrs. Finley, 15, S.C.E., 6; Lower Liberty, 17.40, Shining Lights, 5.50, Whatsoever Soc., 3.40, S.C.E., 2.50; Mifflin, 2; Mt. Sterling, 21.65, S.C.E., 2.90, S.C.E. Jr., 1. L.L. Bearers, 3.35; Rush Creek, 11; Scioto, 4; Westerville, 33. H. Bushnell Bd., 10, S.C.E., 2; Worthington, 8.67, 807.02

ELIZABETH.—Basking Ridge, 64.85, Bd., 50; Carteret, 1; Clinton, 37.14, Sewing Soc., 21, Star Circle, 5, Boys' Bd., 13; Connecticut Farms, 27.13, S.C.E., 12.09; Cranford, 38.15; Duncllen, 3.60, S.C.E., 2.24; Elizabeth Ass'n (†24.55, *22.91), 584.28; 1st Ch., Mary Morrison Bd., 80, A Family, 30, King's Children, 32; 2d Ch., Bd., 98; 3d Ch., Miss. Bd., 50, S.C.E., †10; Greystone, Y.P.B., 40, Cheerful Givers, 75; Madison Ave., 13.50; Westm'r (†25), 425; Lamington, 10.50; Liberty Corner, 5; Metuchen, 37.42, Little Gleaners, 6; Perth Amboy, S.C.E., 10; Plainfield, Ass'n (†50.54), 317.09, Y.L.B., 45; 1st Ch., King's Messengers, 2, S.C.E., 14; S.C.E. Jr., 6; Crescent Ave., Earnest Workers, 35, Sunshine Bd., 28; Pluckamin, 51.69, Crescent Bd., 28.13, S.C.E., 16.80; Rahway, 1st, 34.35; 2d Ch., 55.78; Harvest Bd., 25, S.C.E. Jr., 8; Roselle (*34.12), 67.29, S.C.E., 12.50, S.C.E. Jr., 10; Springfield, 21.90, S.C.E., 10; Westfield, 30, Y.L.B., 10, S.C.E. Jr., 5; Woodbridge, 20.88, 2.636.31

HOLSTON.—Asheville, Oakland Heights, 15.79, Normal Inst. S.C.E., Jr., 2, Farm Sch., Boys, 5, Fancy Work Club, 5, Laura Sunderland Sch., 5.26; Elizabethton, 6; Greenville, 45; College Hill, 2.90; Brittain's Cove, 12.50, Girls' Bd., 2.27, S.S., 2.77; Mrs. H. L. Coyle, 1, Mrs. A. H. Logan, 2, 112.49

HUNTINGDON.—Coalport, S.C.E., 1; Huntingdon, West S.S., 9.20; Lewistown (*special*, 25), 64; Mifflintown, S.C.E., 15; Phillipsburg, 97 cts.; Prcs. Soc. col., add'l, 2, 92.17

HURON.—Bloomville, 19, S.C.E., 8; Chicago, 4.88; Clyde, 2.94; Elmore, 2.45, Fostoria, 21.37, S.C.E., 12.82; Fremont, 40.02, S.C.E., 5; Huron, 15.24, S.C.E., 3.85; Milan, 6.82; Melmore, 6.82; Monroeville, 9.54; Norwalk, 10.85; Olena, 15.84; Peru, 6.82; Sandusky, 13; Tiffin, 8.03; Col. Pres. Meeting, 13.13, 226.56

JERSEY CITY.—Hackensack, S.C.E., 10; Jersey City, Scotch, 25; Passaic, Dundee, 6; Paterson, 1st, Y.L.S., 32.59; Pres. Soc., 40.37, 113.96

KINGSTON.—Harriman, 7; North Side, S.C.E., 2.50, 9.50

KITTANNING.—Apollo, 29.88, Hopeful Bd., 4.94, Faithful Workers, 2.68; Bethel, 25; Black Lick, 8.20; Boiling Springs, 20; Centre, 5.25; Clarksburg, 20; Currie's Run, 20.75; East Union, 3; Ebenezer, 30; Elder's Ridge, 13; Donaldson, 10.87. S.C.E., 20; Elderton, 22.15; Freeport, 24, S.C.E., 20; Glade Run, 8.25; Harmony, 20; Homer City, 10; Indiana, L.L. Bearers, 2.50; Jacksonville, 16, Y.L.S., 10, S.S., 25; Kittanning, 1st, 225; Marion, 10, S.C.E., 4.44; Parker City, 50, S.C.E., 8.72; Rural Valley, 12.50; Saltsburg, 70, S.C.E. Jr., 5; Slate Lick, 42.75, S.C.E., 25; Tunnellton, 11; Washington, 18.50, S.C.E., 17; West Glade Run; 25; Worthington, 12, 908.38

LACKAWANNA.—Ashley, 46, S.C.E. Jr., 13; Athens, 12.50, Tracy Bd., 10; Canton, 12.50; Carbondale, 1st, 149.10, Y.L.B., 5.80, S.C.E., 20; Dunmore, 42, Y.L.C. (†15), 60, S.C.E. (†11), 38.18; Forty Fort, 10; Franklin, 9, S.C.E., 1.65; Great Bend, 20.15; Harmony, 10; Hawley, 12, S.C.E., 11; Honesdale, 52.86, In His Name Bd., 10; Kingston, 50.85, Torch Bearers, 10; Langcliffe, 37.50, S.C.E. Jr., 50; Little Meadows, 10; Meshoppen, 5; Monroeton, 14; Montrose, 69.02, Y.L.B., 5, S.C.E., 1; Moosic, 75, Greenwood Bd., 38.10, S.C.E. Jr., 15; Nanticoke, 7, Joy to All Bd., 14; New Milford, 8; Olyphant, 15; Pittston, 1st, 36, Park Bd., 80, Bethel Bd., 45; Plymouth, 32.90, Morning Sun Bd., 3.90; Sayre, S.C.E., 10; Scranton, 1st (†10), 85, Juvenile Soc., 125; 2d Ch., 391.35, A Lady, 250, Boys' Soc., 50; Green Ridge Ave., 33.89, I.H.N. Bd., 5; Providence, 76.80; Washburn St., 27.71, Bertha Lamont Bd., 41, Little Lifters, 4, S.C.E. Jr., 3; Shickshinny, 19.40, Annie Morton Bd., 25, S.C.E., 10.89; Stella, 25, S.C.E., 10; Stevensville, 12.14, S.C.E., 9.08; Susquehanna, 24, Jordan Mem'l, 2; Towanda, 59, Overton Bd., 35, S.C.E., 14, S.C.E. Jr., 10; Troy, 20, Birthday Bd., 6.25; Tunkhannock, 41; West Pittston, 67.96; Y.P.B., 25.50, Willing Workers, 7, Slocum Chapel Bd., 9.25; Wilkes-Barre, 1st, 231.17, Mrs. Loop's Bd., 10, S.C.E., 25; Mem'l, 74, Whosoever Will Bd., 30, Memorial Circle, 11.83, M. L. and F. Bd., 7.43; Westm'r, 5; Wyalusing, 1st, 16; 2d Ch., 25; Wyoming, 22.43, Sarah Henry Bd., 5, L.L. Bearers, 1.25; Wyson, 5, 3.222.34

LEHIGH.—Bangor, 9.90; Catasauqua, 1st, †10; Middle Smithfield, S.C.E., 2.25, 22.15

LIMA.—Ada, 15.23, S.C.E., 17.50; Arcadia, 4.50; Blanchard, 20.70; Columbus Grove, 9; Convoy, S.C.E., 12.50; Delphos, 24.29, S.C.E., 5; Enon Valley, 1; Findlay, 1st (*8.23), 57.30, Y.L.S., 1, S.C.E., 35, S.C.E. Jr., 6.25; 2d Ch., S.C.E., 3.75; Leipsic, 10; Lima, Market Sq., 46; 2d Ch., S.C.E., 10; Middlepoint, S.C.E., 7.50, S.C.E. Jr., 2.50; New Salem, 1.50; New Stark, 1; Ottawa, 11.50; Rockford, 3.50, S C.E., 5; St. Mary's, 15, S.C.E., 7.50; Sidney, 31, S.C.E., 25; Van Wert, 41.92, S.C.E., 18.75, S.C.E. Jr., 4.20; Venedocia, 1.08; Wapakoneta, 6.50, S.C.E., 9, 471.47

MARION.—Ashley, 11; Berlin, 14; Brown, 7; Cardington, 7; Chesterville, 16, Y.L.B., 3.75; Little Gleaners, 1.50, S.C.E., 6; Delaware, 142, Y.P.S., 52, Jun'r Soc., 16; Delhi, 9; Iberia, 8; Jerome, 20.12, Rosebud Bd., 1.14; Liberty, 15.30; Marion, 99.56, S.C.E. Jr., 12; Marysville, 63, S.C.E., 3; Milford Centre, 22.30; Mt. Gilead, 20.30, S.C.E. Jr., 50 cts.; Ostrander, 8; Pisgah, 5; Radnor and Thompson, 10; Richmond, 10.10; Trenton, 21.80, Rays of Light, 9; York, 4.50; West Berlin, 13, 631.87

MAUMEE.—Antwerp, 11.18; Bowling Green, 69.63, S.C.E., 60; Bryan, 13.88, S.C.E., 20, S.C.E. Jr., 2; Defiance, 26; Delta, 12.64, S.C.E., 20; Eagle Creek, 9.70; Edgerton, 4.88; Grand Rapids, 5.94, S.C.E., 15; Hicksville (†1), 11.70, S.C.E., 5; Holgate, S.C.E., 10; Maumee, 7.16, S.C.E., 12.50; Montpelier, 7.79; Napoleon, 5.06; N. Baltimore, 15.07; Paulding, 19.43, S.C.E., 16, S.C.E. Jr., 1; Pemberville, 1, S.C.E., 11; Perrysburg, 1st, 9; Toledo, 1st, 10.50, S.C.E., 40; 3d Ch., 5.97, S.C.E., 10; 5th Ch., 7, S.C.E., 12; Collingwood Ave, 71.81, S.C.E., 5.60; Westm'r, 39.75, S.S., 21.26, S.C.E., 50.36; Tontogony, 15.65; W. Bethesda, 8.08, S.C.E., 10; Weston, 21; W. Unity, 18.90, S.C.E., 12.50, 762.93

MONMOUTH.—Allentown, 105, S.C.E., 5; Asbury Park, 1st, 30, Two Ladies, 25; Barnegat, 25; Beverly, 82, S.C.E., 42, S. C.E. Jr., 10; Bordentown, 42; Burlington (†14.25), 101.80, V.

R. Hodge Bd., 15.55; Columbus, 6.76; Cranbury, 1st, 200. S. C.E., 18.25; 2d Ch., 89.19; Willing Helpers, 25.85; Fruit Gleaners, 55.65, S.C.E., 31; Cream Ridge, 9; Delanco, S.C.E., 5; Freehold, 185.35, S.C.E., 35; Hightstown, 55, Amaranth Bd., 40, Reapers, 11; Jacksonville, 5, S.C.E., 5; Jamesburg, 30, S.C.E., 25, S.C.E. Jr., 5; Lakewood (†3), 102.50, S.C.E., 22; Long Branch, 62; Manalapan (†6.85), 16.85; Manasquan, 21.41, King's Daughters, 15, S.C.E., 13.45; Matawan, 50.17, Glenwood Soc. (†10), 60, Willing Workers, 25, S.C.E., 14, S. C.E. Jr., 3; Moorestown (†3.25), 58.25; Mt. Holly, 50, S.C.E., 42.52; Oceanic, 55, Y.P.S., 7.25; Plumstead, 14.30; Riverton, Earnest Workers, 18.50, West Palmyra, S.S., 5; Red Bank, 27.10, Westm'r League, Jr., 15; Shrewsbury, 114.20, Eatontown, Bd., 30, S.C.E., 10; Tennent, 54, Bd., 20; Tuckerton, J. A.H. Circle, 2, 2,249.90

MORRIS AND ORANGE.—Dover, 14.90; Mendham, 1st. 8.80; Orange, Central, 298.25; Hillside, 108.75, Young Missionaries, 25; Pleasant Grove, 10; Rockaway, 39, S.C.E., 10; S. Orange, Trinity Bd., 15.50, 430.20

NEWARK.—Arlington, 1st, 15, S.C.E., 40, S.C.E. Jr., 5; Bloomfield, Westm'r, Julia Stout Bd., 55, Jun'r Bd., 12.25, Sheldon Bd., 4, S.C.E. Jr., 10; Caldwell, 111.70; Lyons Farms, 25, Twinkling Stars, 25; Montclair, 1st, †75, Y.L.S., 12.47, Sunbeams, 33.78; Trinity, 50, S.C.E., 10; Grace, 20; Newark, 1st, Two Ladies, 15; 2d Ch., 400, Star Bd., 65.50, S.C.E., 10; 3d Ch., 203, Crusaders, 25, S.C.E., 10; Bethany, 25, Two Young Ladies, 15, Jun'r Circle, 5, S.C.E., 3.71; Calvary, 15; Central, 8; Fewsmith, S.C.E. Jr., 36; 5th Ave., †10, Starlight Bd., 6.91, S.C.E. Jr., 1.40; Forest Hill, S.C.E., 3.88; High St., 113.94, Fannie Mecker Bd., 15; Mem'l, S.C.E., 10; Park (†100), 250, S.C.E. (†10), 50, S.C.E. Jr., 15; Roseville, 176, Herald's to Korea, 29, S.C.E., 40; So. Park, 264.26; Wickliffe, 36; Roseland, 5, 2,505.90

NEW BRUNSWICK.—Alexandria, 8, S.C.E., 5; Amwell, 1st, 40, S.C.E., 10; United, 1st, 20, S.C.E., 4; 2d Ch., 16, S.C.E., 5; Bound Brook, 15, S.C.E. Jr., 1.25; Copper Hill, Ella Kuhl Bd., 8.50; Dayton (†2), 16.33; Dutch Neck, S.C.E., 5; Ewing, 38.50, Band, 30, S.C.E., 5; Flemington, 46.73, Gleaners, 60, S.C.E., 10; Frenchtown, 70, S.C.E., 10, S.C.E. Jr., 10; Hamilton Sq., 25, S.C.E., 10; Holland, 11.50; Hopewell, S.C.E., 11.50; Kingston, 18, S.C.E., 5; Kingwood, 5; Lambertville, 118, Ogilvie Bd., 19.37, S.S., 52, S.C.E. (†10.15), 35.15; Lawrenceville, 116, Gosman Bd., 25.28, Gosman Bd., Jr., 8; S.C.E., 15; Milford, 30, S.C.E., 11.25; New Brunswick, 1st, 25, S.C.E., Jr., 9; Pennington, 66, Anna Foster Bd., 27, S.C.E., 21, S.C.E. Jr., 10; Princeton, 1st (†100), 334.46, Y.W.Soc., 123.35, Havergal Bd., 17.10; 2d Ch., S.C.E., 50; Stockton, 19, S.C.E. (†5), 11; Titusville, 9, L.L. Bearers, 25 cts., S.C.E., 10; Trenton, 1st, 125, S.C.E., 37.50, S.C.E. Jr., 6.43; Chapel (†7), 14, S.C.E., 10.23, Bible Cl., 16.07; 2d Ch., 33, Willing Workers, 16, S.C.E., 15; 3d Ch., 150, Y.L.B. and S.C.E. Jr., 44, Inf. Sch., 30, S.C. E., 50; 4th Ch., 205, Y.L.S., 16, Emily Bd., 10, Little Workers, †5, S.C.E., 25; 5th Ch., 25, Y.L.B., 16.85, S.C.E., 15; Bethany, 26, S.C.E. 10; Prospect St., 143.74, S.C.E., 50; Balance from "Killie Rallies," 26.14; Mrs. P. Fisk, 5, 2,808.48

NEW CASTLE.—Bridgeville, S.C.E., 5; Buckingham, 5.33; Chesapeake City (*5), 25, What-We-Can Bd., 10, Boys' Bd., 4, S.C.E., 12; Delaware City, 10; Dover, 34.97, S.C.E., 3, S.C.E. Jr., 8.75; Elkton, 78.75, Bd., 10; Forest, 7, S.C.E., 30; Glasgow, 4, Loyal Workers, 1.75; Green Hill, Earnest Workers, 8.50, Busy Bees, 4.70; Head of Christiana, 6.50, S.C.E., 5; Lewes, 44.20; Lower Brandywine, Y.L.S., 30; Makemie Mem'l, 1.50; Manoken, 12.90, S.C.E., 1.50; Milford, 12; Newark, 10.75, S.C.E., 14; Pitt's Creek, 20; Port Deposit, 20; Port Penn, 5; Willing Workers, 6; Rehoboth, Del., 14.60; Rehoboth, Md., 8; Rock, 7.25; Smyrna, 7, S.C.E., 1; W. Nottingham, 11.50, Red Cross Knights, 1.50, S.C.E., 10; White Clay Creek, 18, S.C.E., 4; Wicomico, 7, S.C.E., 6.15; Wilmington, 1st, 20, Y.P.S., 5; Central, 22.40, S.C.E., 10; Hanover St. (Mrs. Marks, 5), 49.74, Light Bearers, 2.10, Inf. Cl., 5.26; Olivet, 10; Rodney St., 79.65, Kath'n Wales Bd., 10, Nixon Bd., 6; West, 56, Happy Workers, 10, S.C.E., 10, S.C.E., Jr., 1.15; Zion (*1.50), 18.73, S.C.E., 5; Cash, 40.24, 909.37

NEW JERSEY SYNOD.—Col. at meeting, 50.00

NEWTON.—Andover, 5; Asbury, 20; Beattystown, S.C.E., 1; Belvidere, 1st, 46.70, A Lady, 100, A Lady, 15, In Mem. S. T.P., 10, Willing Workers, 19, Gleaners, 10, Primary Cl., 5; 2d Ch., 24, S.C.E., 4.30, S.C.E., Jr., 4.50; Blairstown (†6), 109.75, Blair Hall Bd., 25, Kuhl Bd., 25, Boys' Brigade, 20, S.C.E., 11.10; Bloomsbury, 30; Danville, 15; Deckertown, 26.80, S.S., 18.33, S.C.E., 10; Delaware, 10, S.C.E., 6; Hackettstown, 60, S.C.E., 10; Harmony, 18.56; Knowlton, 6.47; LaFayette, 3.50; Musconetkong Val., 4.04; Newton, 180.28, Watchers, 11, Byington Bd. (†50), 60, S.C.E., 11.52; North Hardiston, 5.09; Oxford, 1st, Bd., 25; 2d Ch., 20, Primary Cl., 10; Phillipsburg, 1st, 36.50; Westm'r, 20.30, S.C.E., 8; Stanhope, 20; Stewartsville, 21.15, Armor Bearers, 10, S.C.E., 6.44; Stillwater, 2; Washington, 25; Pres. Meeting, 5, 1,151.33

NORTHUMBERLAND.—Bald Eagle and Nittany, 28, S.C.E., 5; Beech Creek, 4, S.C.E., 2; Berwick, 7.47, Y.L.S., 20, S.C. E., 101.17, S.C.E. Jr. and Lend-a-Hand Bd., 3.25; Bloomsburg, 1, S.C.E., 26.50, S.S., 50; Briar Creek, 4.92; Buffalo Cross Roads, 20.65; Buffalo, Mifflinburg, 18; Chillisquaque, 20.75; Danville Grove, 35.03, E. Neal Bd., 10, S.C.E. Jr., 1; Derry, 55.25; Jersey Shore, 73.28, S.C.E., 25, S.C.E. Jr., 10; Lewisburg, 5, Y.W.S., 17; Lock Haven, 5.85, Y.W.B., 46.14, S.C.E., 15; Lycoming, 14.30, Newton Bd., 10, S.C.E., 5, S.S., 5; Lycoming Centre, Bd., 4; Mifflinburg, 25.32, Reardon Bd., 10, S.C.E., 3; Milton, 102.21, Y.W.S., 39, Watson Bd., 10, S.C.E., 80.19; Mooresburg, 7.86; Mt. Carmel, J.P.M., 10, S. C.E., 4; New Berlin, 8; Northumberland, 18; Orangeville, 39.77; Renovo, Y.L.S., 3; Sunbury, 8; Warrior Run, 52; Washington, 28.19, Y.L.B., 2.85, S.C.E., 3.35; Washingtonville, 36; Williamsport, 1st, 1, R. Armstrong Soc. 3, Curtis Hepburn Bd., 45, S.C.E. Jr., 1; Covenant, 62.04, Jun'r Soc., 5.17; 3d Ch., Mrs. John Lawshe, 25, 1,295.51

PHILADELPHIA, NORTH.—Abington (†4.52), 84.80, S. B. Smith Bd., 40; Ambler, 10.50; Ann Carmichael, S.C.E., 20; Ashbourne, 15.50, Boys' Bd., 4.50, S.C.E., 11; Bridesburg, 8; Bristol, 41.45, S.C.E., 8.25; Chestnut Hill, 1st, 48; Trinity, 63.25; Conshohocken, 19.72, S.C.E., 5.28; Doylestown, 37.50, S.C.E., 11.65; Falls of Schuylkill, 20, L.L. Bearers, 1; Forestville, 8; Frankford, 114, Y.L.B., 25, S.C.E., 16; Germantown, 1st (S.S., 45, †81 80), 244.36, Christian Work Club (†27.50), 57.50, S.S. and Special Donation, 40, Lend-a-Hand Bd., 5, Eliot Boys, 9.85, Miriam Bd., 30, J. G. Paton Bd., 20, Branerd Bd., 6.75, S.C.E., (†5.70), 53.77, S.C.E. Jr., 2.05, Somerville S.C.E., *2; 2d Ch., 275, Tulpehocken Bd., 50, L.L. Bearers, 4.55; Market Sq., 74; Redeemer, 4.25; Summit, 33, Bd. (†4.54), 19.54; Wakefield, 27, Bd., 20, L.L. Bearers, 4; West Side, 20, S.C.E., †5; Hermon, 20, Cheerful Workers, 25, Busy Bees, 10, Jun'r Brotherhood, 10, S.C.E., 18.80, S.C.E. Jr., 5; Holmesburg, 12; Jenkintown, Grace, 26, S.C.E., 15; Langhorne, S. C.E., 8; Lawndale, 5; Leverington, 15; Manayunk, 15.75, S. C.E. (†1) 9, S.C.E. Jr., 2; Morrisville, 20; Mt. Airy, 42, Mrs. James Calhoun, 100; Narberth, 10, S.C.E., 8; Neshaminy of Warminster (†6.40), 54.62, Ivyland, S.C.E., 10.50, Nicholas S. C.E. Jr., 1.50; New Hope, 6, S.C.E. Jr., 1; Newtown, 87.50, Kate Craven Bd., 10, L.L. Bearers, 10.02, S.C.E., 14; Norristown, 1st, 79.95, S.C.E. Jr., 1.31; Central, 21, Willing Workers, 3, S.C.E., 5; Oak Lane, S.C.E., 6; Overbrook (†4.50), 22.85; Pottstown, 1, Hill Sch. Bd., 20, S.C.E. Jr., 4; Reading, 1st (†10), 46.30, S.C.E., 7; Olivet, 25, S.C.E. Jr., 10; Washington St., 4; Thompson Mem'l, 35; Wissahickon, 27.50; Wyncote, Calvary, 5, S.C.E., 7.75; In Mem. J. S. G., 50; In Mem. A. C. P., 5; For Med. Miss., 1.50; Offering from Shanghai, †16; Three "Rallies," †39; Anon., 1; Int. on Deposits, 2, 2,645.12

PORTSMOUTH.—Eckmansville, 17; Ironton, 23, S.C.E., 6.50, S.C.E. Jr., 75 cts.; Jackson, 18.36, S.C.E., 13; Manchester, 5.95; Mt. Leigh, 6.50; Portsmouth, 1st (†8.88), 31.13, Miss Peebles, 5, Y.L.S., 48.57, S.C.E., (16), 16.15, S.C.E. Jr., 2.67; 2d Ch., 42.40, Busy Bees, 5, S.C.E., 5; Red Oak, 2; Ripley, 19.75, S.C.E., 7.50, S.C.E. Jr., 9; West Union, 1.25, S.C.E., 1.25, 287.73

REDSTONE.—Belle Vernon, 28.25; Brownsville, 41.25, S.C. E., 2.50; Connellsville, 187.13, Bd., 25; Dunbar (†50 cts.), 32.50, Bd., 21.47; Dunlap's Creek (†8), 26.05, S.C.E., 18; Dawson, 10; Fairchance, 15, S.C.E., 2; Fayette City, S.C.E., 18; Laurel Hill (†11), 18.50; Little Redstone, Circle, 5, S.C.E., 12.83; Long Run, 5.25; McKeesport, 1st (†25), 209.41, Jun'r Circle, 27.29; Central, 29.06, S.C.E., 25, S.C.E. Jr., 5; Mt. Pleasant, 106.54, June Bd., 13.13, S.C.E., 10; Rennion, Aux. and Bd., 98.50, S.C.E., 18; Mt. Washington, 5; New Providence, 10.25, Ready Workers, 3.13, S.C.E., 10; New Salem (†2), 30.25, S. C.E., 10; Pleasant Unity, 8.50, Trusting Bd., 1, S.C.E., 6; Rehoboth, 15.65, Willing Workers, 11.53, Webster S.C.E., 10; Round Hill, 33.50, S.C.E., 10; Scottdale (†33.51), 43.41, S.C.E., 15, S.C.E. Jr., 25; Tent, 10; Uniontown, 1st (†6.55), 56.55; Central, 16.76, S.C.E., 10; West Newton, 47.43, 1,399.07

SHENANGO.—New Castle, Central, Y.L.C., 30.00

SOUTHERN VIRGINIA.—Allen Mem'l, 1; Bethesda Bd., 1.50; Barkeville, Ingleside Sem., 21; Danville, Holbrook St., 1, Little Lights, 1; Grace Chapel, 2; Mizpah, 2; Romoke, 5th Ave., 1; Russell Grove, 1, 31.50

UNION.—Erin, 1; Hebron, 3; Hopewell, 2.50; Knoxville, 2d Ch., 11.55, S.C.E., 6.85, S.C.E. Jr., 6.57; 4th Ch., 23.15, Y.P. S., 6.40; Aitken St., 2.40; Belle Ave., 3, S.C.E., 8, Willing Workers, 1.49; Mt. Zion, 2.25; Newmarket, 5.65; New Providence, 16; Rockford, 2.70; St. Paul, 3; Shamondale, 12; S. Knoxville, 1.77; Spring Place, 1.95, 121.23

WASHINGTON.—Allen Grove, 8.75; Burgettstown, 1st, 34.05, Golden Chain Bd., 30, Ten Per Cent. Bd., 6.81, S.C.E., 10; Westm'r, 25, Aftermath Bd., 4.50, S.C.E., 5; Claysville (*10), 90, S.C.E., 12.83, S.C.E. Jr., 2.50; Cove, 14; Cross Creek, 30, Y.L.B., 30; Cross Roads, 20; E. Buffalo, 46.30; Forks of Wheeling, 79, Bessie Shaw Bd. (Elm Grove), 10, Mt. Zion Division, 10, Excelsior, 20, Crothers, 15, S.C.E., 15; Frankfort, 10.50, King's Daughters, 10; Fairview, 2, Mrs. and Miss Pomeroy, 3; Hookstown, 41.50; Lower Buffalo, 34.20; Lower Ten Mile, 9; Mill Creek (*4.25), 42.40; Mt. Pleasant, 6.50; Mt. Prospect, 75.25, S.C.E., 15; New Cumberland (*8.30), 75.80, Grier Bd., 20.50, Myrtle Bd., 2, Mrs. Grier (*10) 22, Miss Miller (*10), 30, Mrs. J. A. Smith (*5) 10; Pigeon Creek, 15.75, Y.L. B., 24.06, S.C.E., 7.50; Three Springs, Band of Hope, 20; Unity, 7; Upper Buffalo (*12.50), 29.50, Mary Shaw Bd., 5, China Bd., 10; Upper Ten Mile, 22.18; Clover Leaf Bd., 5; Washington, 1st, (†125, *5.50) 180.50, Cornes Bd., (†1.50), 26.57, S.C.E. (†3.07), 53.07, Brownson, S.C.E. Jr., 19.62; 2d Ch. (†11.56), 45.11, Non Nobis Circle, 37.80, Pansy Bd. (*15.60), 31.45, Gleaners, Girls, 18.50, Gleaners, Boys, 5.40, S.C.E., †7.37; 3d Ch., Y.L.B. (*21.86), 40.56, S.C.E., 26.36; Washington Fem. Sem., 10; Waynesburg, 37.98, S.C.E., 5.36; Wellsburg, 10.05, Glad Tidings Bd., 8.50; W. Alexander, Loring

Circle (*10), 50, Hold the Fort Bd., 9, Westm'r League, 10, Mrs. Lester's Parting Gift, +25; W. Liberty, 36; W. Union, 11.73. Y.P.B., 5.02; Wheeling, 1st (**60), 260.61, B. Vance Bd., 50, Cherith Bd., 20, Syrian and Sunshine, 21, Boys' Club, 25, S.C.E., +14.50; 2d Ch., 70, Carleton Circle, 60; 3d Ch., 45; Vance Mem'l, 7.85, 2,324.29

[The remainder of receipts for April will appear in July WOMAN'S WORK.]

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Total for year, $155,484.73

MRS. JULIA M. FISHBURN, *Treas.*,
April 20, 1898. 501 Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia.

Receipts of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest to April 20, 1898.

ABERDEEN.—Aberdeen, 14.50, C. E., 12, Jr. C.E., 5; Britton, 6.75, Jr. C.E., 5; Groton, 20, C.E., 1.84; Pierpont, 7.91, C.E., 6, 79.00

ALTON.—Alton, 39.97, C.E., 10; Brighton, 70 cts., C.E., 5; Carrollton, 30.25, C.E., 3.50; Collinsville, Jr. C.E., 2.50; Elm Point, 2; Ebenezer Ch., 2; E. St. Louis, 28.50, C.E., 15; Greenfield, 19.76, C.E., 1; Greenville, 14.60, C.E., 3, Jr. C.E., 3; Hillsboro, 14; Jerseyville, 33.51; Lebanon, 10.50; Litchfield, 2; Reno, Bethel Ch., 16, C.E., 3, Jr. C.E., 50 cts.; Walnut Grove Ch., 20; Summerville, 5; Sugar Creek, C.E., 2; Sparta, 38.46; Trenton, 10.05; Virden, 23.55, Jr. C.E., 2; (less Presb'l ex., 7), 354.35

BISMARCK.—Mandan, 4.75

BLACK HILLS.—Rapid City, 2 90

BLOOMINGTON.—Bloomington, 2d, Westm'r, Union, 12.86; Champaign, Jr. C.E., 2.22; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Gumm, 12.50; Chenoa, 20.15; Clinton, 16.02, Y.W.S., 29; Baby Bd., 7; Danville, 62.50, C.E., 25, Jr. C.E., 5; 2d Ch., 3; El Paso, C.E., 10; Farmer City, 4, C.E., 2; Gibson, 45.55, C.E., 10; Heyworth, 15; Homer, C.E., 2; Hoopestown, Jr. C.E., 2; Selma Ch., 2.50; Minonk, 17.80, C.E., 35, Baby Bd., 1.50; Onarga, 8.50, C.E., 26; Wellington, C.E., 7.10, Jr. C.E., 1.85; Paxton, 1.30, C.E., 8.10; Prairie View, 2.25; Piper City, C.E., 15; Philo, Jr. C.E., 1; Pontiac, 10, C.E., 30; Rossville, 3.25; Sheldon, C.E., 10; Urbana, 6; Wenona, 7.09; Waynesville, 8.10, 488.14

BOISE.—Presbyterial Off., 6.90; Malad City, 2, 8.90

BOULDER.—Berthoud, 20.10; Brush, 2.50; C.E., 1.50; Boulder, 29, C.E., 5, Jr. C.E., 4.50; Cheyenne, 10.25; Ft. Collins, 15, Golden Links Bd., 5; Ft. Morgan, 25.35, C.E., 2; Greeley, 4; Laramie, 10.50, C.E., 2; Longmont, 7.50; Rawlins, C.E., 4; Timnath, 7.75, C.E., 2, 157.95

BOX BUTTE.—Emanuel, 95 cts.; Gordon, 7.05; Union Star Ch., 3.70, C.E., 1; Rushville, 3.15; Valley Ch., 40 cts; Willow Creek Ch., 1.70, 17.95

BUTTE.—Anaconda, 5; Philipsburg, 2.60, 7.60

CAIRO.—Anna, 22; Cairo, 31.33; Carbondale, 7.05; Carmi, C.E., 5; Carterville, 1.50; DuQuoin, 39.64; Golconda, Willing Workers, 1.10; Harrisburg, 2.75; Linn, Wabash Ch., Always Ready Bd., 3; Metropolis, C.E., 50 cts.; Murphysboro, 26; Nashville, C.E., 1; Mt. Carmel, C.E., 5; Anon., 11 cts., 145.98

CEDAR RAPIDS.—Atkins, 10; Anamosa, 4.60; Blairstown, 23.80, C.E., 1.50, Y.L.S., 11.35; Cedar Rapids, 1st, 146.98, C.E., 25; 2d Ch., 32.40, King's Daughters, 8; Central Pk. Ch., 13.98, C.E., 3.30; Coe College C.E., 48; Clarence, 20, C.E., 5; Clinton, 172.36; Centre Junction, 6.50; Garrison, 4.25, C.E., 5; Lyons, 4, C.E., 2.42; Marion, 68.42; Mechanicsville, 8; Monticello, 14.15, C.E., 1, Jr. C.E., 50 cts.; Vinton, 135.29, C.E., 7.50; Mt. Vernon, 15, C.E., 7.28; Onslow, 8.73; Shellsburg, 2.50; Scotch Grove, 2.50; Springville, 9; Wyoming, 24.77, 853.08

CENTRAL DAKOTA.—Artesian, 7, C.E., 55 cts.; Endeavor, C.E., 2; Huron, 20; Wentworth, 3; White, 9, C.E., 3, 44.55

CHICAGO.—Presbyterial Off., 25; Austin, 31.25, Anon., 5; Avondale, 7.75; Berwyn, 8.90; Braidwood, 20.75, C.E., 2.10; Cabery, C.E., 5; Coal City, 10, Jr. C.E., 2; Chicago, Mrs. D. K. Pearsons, 1,000; Income from Real Estate, 185.68; Belden Ave. Ch., 4; Calvary Ch., 2.65; Central Pk. Ch., 5; Campbell Pk. Ch., Y.W.S., 8, C.E., 25, Inter. C.E., 7.77; Ch. of the Covenant, 51; Fullerton Ave. Ch., 63.38, C.E., 85; Brookline Pk. Ch., 6; 2d Ch., 66.90, Baby Bd., 14.01; 3d Ch., 285.25, Y.W.S., 37.50, Jr. C.E., 30, Y.P.S., 120; 4th Ch., 2,129.67; Christ Chapel, Sewing Sch., 15.41, C.E., 50; 5th Ch., 30 30, C.E., 10; 6th Ch., 73.85, Mr. W. B. Jacobs, 10, C.E., 17.93; 7th Ch., C.E., 2.40; 9th Ch., C.E., 3, Jr. C.E., 1; 41st St. Ch., 79.88; Endeavor Ch., 7.50., Jr. C.E., 2.50; Englewood, 1st, 15, C.E., 18.40; Hyde Park, 95.57, Busy Bees, 6.25, Y.L.S., 25; Kenwood Ch., Y.L.S., 130; Immanuel Ch., 1.25; Jefferson Pk. Ch., 58.50, C.E., 25.25; McCormick Sem., 2.50; Normal Pk. Ch., 5.50; Evanston, 1st, 80; South Ch., 5.52; Harvey, 3.85; Herscher, 1.25; Highland Pk., 40; Hinsdale, 6; Joliet, 1st, C.E., 14.38; Central Ch., 71.55, C.E., 1; Kankakee, 4.05; Longwood, Union Ch., C.E., 7.50; Lake Forest, 115, Th. Off., 5, Steady Streams, 72.84, Ferry Hall Soc., 13.90, Y.P.S., 39; North Chicago, 1; Maywood, 2; River Forest, 6; Riverside, 30.24; Wheeling, 11.55; L.B.C., 6; Dr. Marshall's Mite Box, 2.25; Anon., 5, 5,476.43

CHIPPEWA.—Ashland, 23.36, C.E., 20; Bayfield, 2.87; Baldwin, 3.75; Chippewa Falls, 3; Eau Claire, 9.50, C.E., 7.50; Ellsworth, C.E., 1; Hudson, 27.87, Willing Workers, 5.66; Phillips, 1.58; Superior, 3.20, C.E., 3.50; W. Superior, 3.63; Rice Lake, 1.95, 118.37

CORNING.—Bedford, 27.50, C.E., 5.11; Clarinda, 36, Pilgrim Bd., 5; Creston, 13; Corning, 21.78, C.E., 5; Diagonal, 40 cts.; Emerson, 3.79; Essex, 21.21, C.E., 2; Hamburg, C.E., 4.50; Lenox, 3; Malvern, 19.73, Jr. C.E., 5; Mt. Ayr, 9; Red Oak, C.E., 8; Shenandoah, 13.92, C.E., 12.50; Sidney, 18.04; Villisca, 10, C.E., 25; Yorktown, 2.60; Randolph, 3.12, 275.20

COUNCIL BLUFFS.—Atlantic, C.E., 7.90; Council Bluffs, 1st, C.E., 4.50; Menlo, C.E., 10, Jr. C.E., 5; Woodbine, Jr. C.E., 28.87; Walnut, Jr. C.E., 1, 57.27

CRAWFORDSVILLE.—Attica, 22.11, C.E., 8.50, King's Daughters, 12.49; Beulah Ch., 13.55; Boswell, C.E., 1.20; Clinton, 4.82; Crawfordsville, 1st, 8, Jr. Soc., 5.75; Centre Ch., 75, Y.L.S., 16.50, C.E., 5; Cutler, 3.50, C.E., 3.65; Dana, 8.30; Darlington, 7.50; Dayton, 30, C.E., 2.50, Mrs. D.H. Cronse, 10, Millie P. Sims, 10; Delphi, 91.87, C.E., 2.45; Fowler, C.E., 3.20; Frankfort, 108.46, C.E., 24.10; Lexington South, Mrs. Young, 2; Judson, 3; Lafayette, 1st, 33; 2d Ch., 44.30, C.E., 30; Spring Grove, 2 50; Sugar Creek, 3, C.E., 3.64; Lebanon, 5.50, C.E., 5; Union Ch., 4.90; Bethany Ch., 10; Montezuma, 4; Newtown, 28; Oxford, 1, C.E., 1; Rockfield, 5; Rockville, 20, C.E., 7.24; Romney, 40; Rossville, 1 15; Shannondale, Bethel Ch., 3, C.E., 3; Thorntown, 25 10; Waveland, 17.50, C.E., 2.50, Mrs. S. E. Milligan, 20; Williamsport, 23.07, 827.35

DENVER.—Black Hawk, 5; Brighton, 5; Denver, Central Ch., 72.53; 1st Ave. Ch., 35.52; North Ch., 7.54, C.E., 5.25; Twenty-third Ave. Ch., 1, Midway Club, 22, Bd., 12; Silver Cross Bd., 15, Jr. C.E., 3; Hyde Pk. Ch., 10, Bd., 3; Highland Pk. Ch., 14.95; Westm'r Ch., 22, C.E., 3; S. Broadway Ch., 2; Ft. Logan, Littleton Ch., 10.85; Georgetown, 5.25; Golden, 3.75; Idaho Springs, 10.78, 269.42

DES MOINES.—Adel, 2; Albia, 2, C.E., 2.48; Centerville, 18.03, C.E., 3.00, Chain Circle, 7.21; Chariton, 12.50, C.E., 13.72; Dallas Center, 6.56; Davis City, Jr. C.E., 3; Des Moines, Central Ch., 103, C.E., 45; East Ch., C.E., 4.52, Jr. C.E., 1.54; 6th Ch., 6 92; Highland Pk. Ch., 2; Westm'r Ch., 2.45; Clifton Heights Ch., C.E., 1; Dexter, 7.64; Grimes, C.E., 5; Garden Grove, 5.98, C.E., 5.25; Humeston, 3.63; Indianola, 32 66, C.E., 4.85; Knoxville, 15.77; Leon, 11.14, C.E., 1 94, Jr. C.E., 1; Milo, 6, C.E., 1, Jr. C.E., 2.50; Newton, 6.04; New Sharon, 5, C.E., 3.38; Osceola, 7, C.E., 1.02; Oskaloosa, 15.42; Panora, 8.23; Perry, 4.81, Jr. C.E., 50 cts.; Russell, 5, C.E., 3.01; Winterset, 22.13, C.E., 6.05, 429.78

DETROIT.—Ann Arbor, 82.50, Y.L.S., 2; Birmingham, 21.78, C.E., 7.68; Brighton, 13.28; Detroit, Bethany Ch., 10.50, C.E., 4.88; Calvary Ch., C.E., 24.99; Central Ch., 29.70, C.E., 50, Jr., C.E., 6; Ch. of the Covenant, 11, Cheerful Laborers, 12.74, C.E., 10.80; 1st Ch., 453, Richardson Soc., 80.80; Y.P.S., 99.50; Forest Ave. Ch., 49.40, Westm'r League, 59.73, W.L. Jr., 12.50; Fort St. Ch., 730.75, Opportunity Circle, 37.50, Rhea Bd., 125, Westm'r League, 10; Scovel Mem'l Aux., 21.55, C.E., 1.10; Immanuel Ch., 22, C.E., 28.53; Jefferson Ave. Ch., 49.25; Mem'l Ch., 65.76, Y.L.S., 16.26, C.E., 11; Second Ave. Ch., 19.01, C.E., 17.21; Trumbull Ave. Ch., 29; Westm'r Ch., 178.78, C.E., 17.67, Inter. C.E., 5; E. Nankin, C.E., 4.90; Holly, 20.92, C.E., 1; Howell, 35, C.E., 2.56; Milan, 3.92; Milford, 120, Little Gleaners, 1.34, Y.L.S., 53, United Bds., 4.90; Mt. Clemens, 40.02, C.E., 3, C.E. Jr., 41 cts.; Northville, 26.74; Pontiac, 23.63, Y.W.S., 54.50, S.D. Circle, 27.44, C.E., 12.44; South Lyon, 20.25, Bd., 6 90; White Lake, 14; Wyandotte, 6.97; Ypsilanti, 187.64, Interior Rebate, 1, Y.P., 57.26, The Misses Silver, Y.W.C.A., 42.50; Stony Creek, Y.P.S., 3.59, Bd., 10.66; Unadilla, 1.10; Mite Box, 2.97; Envelopes and Mite Boxes not marked, 32.33; Anon., 20 cts., 3,251.24

DUBUQUE.—Coggon, 3; Dubuque, 1st, 7.86, C.E., 6, Jr. C.E., 2; 2d Ch., 39.05; Mt. Hope Ch., 2.50; Hazleton, C.E. Jr., 2; Hopkinton, 38.72, C.E., 30; Independence, 70, C.E., 19.50, Jr. C.E., 2.50; German Ch., 4.85; Cascade, 2 50, Willing Workers, 5.75; Jesup, 3; Lansing, 20, C.E., 8; Manchester, 8.60, C.E., 10; Oelwein, 3.20; Winthrop, Pine Creek Ch., 10, C.E., 9.05, 308.08

DULUTH.—Brainard, 2; Cloquet, C.E., 2 50; Duluth, 1st, 67.24; 2d Ch., 9.15, Mission Brigade, 1.81; Westm'r Soc., 3.30; Glen Avon, 32.97, C.E., 5; Lakeside, 13, C.E., 4.01; Grand Rapids, 3.45; Hinckley, 2; Pine City, 1; Sandstone, 5, C.E., 1; Two Harbors, 22.04, 175.47

FARGO.—Casselton, 8.65; Hillsboro, 10.85; Fargo, 3.50; Lucca, 5, Northern Lights, 10; Sanborn, 5, 43 00

FORT DODGE.—Arcadia, 7.76; Armstrong, 4 40; Algonia, 5; Bancroft, 1, Personal, 1; Boone, 15, C.E., 5.10, Jr. C.E., 1.62; Carroll, 21.50, C.E., 5; Churdan, 3; Estherville, 9.03; Fonda, 2.13; Ft. Dodge, 131.47, C.E., 1.94, Jr. C.E., 7 52; Glidden, 20; Grand Junction, C.E., 4.06; Jefferson, 25, C.E. Jr., 3.50; Lake City, 7.50, C.E., 2 91, Jr. C.E., 28 cts.; Lohrville, 11.60; Pocahontas, 3; Pomeroy, 3.40; Rolf, 14.30; Rockwell City, 7.50; Spirit Lake, 8.73, 334.25

FORT WAYNE.—Bluffton, 11; Whatsoever Bd., 1.25; Elhanon, 18; Elkhart, 56.20; Ft. Wayne, 1st, 145.45, C.E., 16.58; Westm'r Ch., 48.60, C.E., 10; 3d Ch., 18.31; Bethany Ch., 5; Goshen, 37, Y.L.C., 127.76, C.E., 10; Huntington, 23; Kendallville, 17.65, C.E., 5; LaGrange, 17; Ligonier, 6; Lima, 37.58; Ossian, 34, Jr. C.E., 5; Pierceton, 2.50; Warsaw, 55.35; Waterloo, 1.65, 709.88

FLINT.—Akron, C.E., 3; Bad Axe, Miss Hotchkiss' Cl., 10; Caro, 9.74, C.E., 26.86, Jr. C.E., 30.40; Cass City, 10, Jr.

C. E., 10; Corunna, C.E., 1.60; Fenton, 2.65, C.E., 1.50; Flint, 53, Y.W.S., 19, C.E., 10; Flushing, 7; Lapeer, 71.58, C.E., 15, Jr. C.E., 1; Marlette, 1st, 8.18, C.E., 5.63; 2d Ch., 9.68; Morrice, 5; Port Huron, 1.63; Vassar, 9, 321.45

FREEPORT.—Argyle, Willow Creek Ch., C.E., 5 15; Freeport, 1st, 20.50, Pr. Off., 82.50, A Friend, 5; Galena, South Ch., Y.L.S., 8, Hanover, 20; Harvard, C.E., 4; Oregon, 2.90, C.E., 2.59; Hebron, C.E., 4; Marengo, C.E., 6.25; Rockford, 1st, 26.40; Westm'r Ch., 63.85, Earnest Workers, 4.88; Woodstock, 7, 263.02

GREAT FALLS.—Great Falls, 11.85, Willing Workers, 1.30, C.E., 8.55, Jr. C.E., 60 cts.; Lewiston C.E., 6.20, 28.50

GUNNISON.—Aspen, 6.75; Delta, 1.50; Gunnison, 5, C.E., 5; Grand Junction, 5; Leadville, 4; Ouray, 8; Ridgeway, 1; Salida, 2.50, 38.75

HASTINGS.—Presb'l Off., 2.12; Aurora, 8.81, C.E., 1.50; Hartwell, C.E., 3; Nelson, C.E., 20, 35.43

HELENA.—Bozeman, 20.80, C.E., 13, Jr. C.E., 2; Helena, 4.20, C.E., 2.65; Miles City, C.E., 8.74. 51.39

INDIANAPOLIS.—Bloomington, 16.06; Brazil, 21, Busy Bees, 3, Penny Helpers, 3; Columbus, 26.63, Bd., 3; Franklin, 50.30, C.E., 5, Jr. C.E., 20; Greenwood, 8; Hopewell Ch., 29.05; Greenfield, 17.37; Greencastle, 29.40; Indianapolis, 1st, 196.92, C.E., 5; 2d Ch., 160.70, King's Daughters, 15, Y.W.S., 56; 4th Ch., 34.22, Picketts, 17, Stella Bd., 3.57; 6th Ch., 8.50; 7th, 33.85, Annabette Wishard Soc., 28; E. Washington St. Ch., 13.82; Tabernacle Ch., 238.11, Mary Fulton Soc., 3.50; Mem'l Ch., 51.54, C.E., 4.80; Olive St. Ch., 2.50; Spencer, 6; Southport, 14.13, Busy Bees, 15.75; Whiteland, 4.94; North Indianapolis, Home Ch., 5.20; (less 16.08 Entered in Error in Dec.), 1,134.78

IOWA.—Birmingham, 6.50, C.E., 5; Bloomfield, 18.35, C.E., 3.62, Bd., 2.27; Burlington, 57.94, C.E., 10, King's Children, 21.27; Fairfield, 89.24; Gleaners, 21, C.E., 26.85, Jr. C.E., 5; Ft. Madison, 24.65, C.E., 5; Hedrick, C.E., 85 cts.; Keokuk, 60.58, C.E., 10; 2d Ch., 5, C.E., 5; Kossuth, 19, C.E., 3; Libertyville, 1.70; Martinsburg, 2.65, C.E., 3.42; Mediapolis, 4, C.E., 9; Middletown, 2, C.E., 2.50; Mt. Pleasant, 33.05, C.E., 2.50; Morning Sun, C.E., 5.52; New London, 3.60; Ottumwa, 12, C.E., 2.50, Jr. C.E., 10; Wapello, 3.70, C.E., 5; W. Point, 5, C.E., 1; Winfield, 8, C.E., 1; Salina, 61 cts., 518.87

IOWA CITY.—Atalissa, C.E., 5; Brooklyn, 1.40; Columbus Junction, 8; Davenport, 1st, 6; 2d Ch., 2.50, Y.L.B., 5; Keota, C.E., 5; Iowa City, 35; Scott Ch., 2.60; Marengo, 2.50, Jr. C.E., 5; Malcom, C.E., 2; Montezuma, 11.40; Muscatine, 25; Sigourney, 75 cts.; Tipton, 7.50; Red Oak Grove Ch., 6, C.E., 25 cts.; Washington, 48.62; Bethel Ch., 2.50; West Branch, 3.50; West Liberty, 4.10; Wilton, 12; Presb'l Off., 29, 230.62

KALAMAZOO.—Allegan, C.E., 2; Benton Harbor, 10 30, C. E., 3.80; Buchanan, 4.31; Burr Oak, 1; Cassopolis, 1; Decatur, 2, C.E., 9, Jr. C.E., 1.25; Edwardsburg, 4.37; Kalamazoo, 1st, 49.65, C.E., 20; Martin, C.E., 1.25; Niles, 25.70, C.E., 1.75; Paw Paw, 9.87, C.E. 5.05; Plainwell, 5.16, C.E., 2.50; Richland, 8.01, C.E., 1.52; Sturgis, C.E., 8.82; Three Rivers, 11.82, 190.13

KEARNEY.—Austin, C.E., 2.77; Buffalo Grove, C.E., 8.30; Clontibret, C.E., 3; Gibbon, 2.05, C.E., 2, 18.12

[The remainder of receipts for the month will appear in July WOMAN'S WORK.]

MRS. C. B. FARWELL, *Treas.*,
Chicago, April 20, 1898. Room 48, McCormick Block.

Receipts of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions of the Southwest for the Month ending April 24, 1898.

AUSTIN.—Austin, 1st, 16; Pearsall, Y.L.M.C., 4.30, $20.30

CHOCTAW.—Atoka, 5; McAlester, 2.95, 7.95

EMPORIA.—Arkansas City, 3, C.E., 5.35; Burlingame, 2, C. E., 5; Conway Springs, 7; Council Grove, 14.15; Cottonwood Falls, 8.40; Derby, 10.65, Morning Stars, 1.01; El Dorado, 6.47, Mrs L. B. Ewing, 25, C.E., 4.91, Jr. C.E., 79 cts.; Emporia, 10.20, Arundel Ave., 1.60; Howard, C.E., 2.25; Madison, C.E., 57 cts.; Mulvane, 2.70, C.E., 5; Newton, 14, C.E., 5, Jr. C.E., 10, Mrs. W. E. Mack, 39; Osage City, 5; Peabody, 14, C.E., 9; Wellington, 1st, 34.13, C.E., 25; Waverly, 12; White City, 3.75; Wichita, 1st, 12.80; Y.W.M.L., 13.98, C.E., 5, Jr. C.E., 3.89, Bd., 7 62; Lincoln St., 6; Oak St., 2, West Side, 13.50; Winfield, 10, Mrs. C. Schirmer, 1; C.E., 4; Miscel., 5, 371.72

HIGHLAND.—Atchison, C.E., 4.50; Axtell, C.E., 2.50, Jr. C.E., 1.25; Baileyville, 13.19; Blue Rapids, 9.17, C.E., 32.30; Effingham, 2.10; Frankfort, 7.30, C.E., 1; Hiawatha, 46.98, C. E., 9.20, Jr. C.E., 1; Highland, 30.05, C.E. (+5.50), Jr. C.E., 3.52; Holton, 29.90; Horton, 24.41, C.E. (+1.50), Jr. C.E., 2.50; Irving, C.E., 2; Maryville, C.E., 7.50; Nortonville, 4, Jr. C. E, 72 cts.; Parallel, 6.03, C.E., 14.37; Troy, 3.75, C.E., 7, Jr. C.E., 2; Vermillion, 10.80; Washington, 8.98, C.E., 3 15, Jr. C.E., 25 cts., Bd., 63 cts., 298.53

KANSAS CITY.—Appleton City, 7.65, Bethany Bd., 5.03; Butler, 22.25, C.E., 11.35; Centre View, 5; Clinton, 11, C.E., 1.10, Jr. C.E., 65 cts., Dorcas Bd., 11; Creighton, O.B.M.S., 9.76; Deepwater, 5; El Dorado, Jr. C.E., 40 cts.; Holden, 2.60, C.E., 6.42 (+11.05), Jr. C.E., 1.25; Independence, 21; Kansas City, 1st, 113.24, C.E., 10; 2d, 222.30, Jr. C.E., 10, S.S., 124.98, Prim., 77.17; 3d, 12.19; 5th, 13; Linwood, 11.92; Knobnoster, 1.20, Willing Hands, 6.25; Lowry City, 62 cts., C.E., 80 cts.; Nevada, 15; Osceola, 4.36, Little Gleaners, 50 cts.; Raymore, 2, C.E., 40 cts., Jr. C.E., 4.77; Sedalia, Broadway, 21.83; Central, 8.49, C.E., 10, Golden Threads, 5; Sharon, 4.80; Tipton, 3.50, C.E., 5; Warrensburg, 5.50; Rich Hill, C.E., 3, Pres. Miscell., 5, 832.33

LARNED.—Arlington, 5.50, C.E., 10; Burton, 2.30; Dodge City, 2, C.E., 8.45; Freeport, 10.70; Garden City, C.E., 5.50; Hutchinson, 33.90, C.E., 66.30, Y.L.S., 10; Kingman, 10.40; Lyons, 5, C.E., 2.50; McPherson, 16.40 (+1.70); Pratt, 7.92, C. E., 75 cts.; Sterling, 3, C.E., 3.75; Pres. Miscell., 4.99; A Few C.E.'s, 3.65, 225.51

NEOSHO.—Bartlett, 2.50; Carlyle, 8.50; Chanute, 3.21; Cherryvale, 8.20; Colony, 3.50, Bd., 1; Columbus, 9.25; Fort Scott, 10; Garnett, 5.04; Humboldt, 21.25; Independence, 9.55; Iola, 16; Moran, 1.11, Bd., 1.53, C.E., 60 cts. (+1.90); Neodosha, 4; Neosho, 2.35, C.E., 1.70; Oswego, 20.48; Ottawa, 23.77, C.E., 19.10; Parsons, 7; Paola (+5); Pittsburgh, 6; Pleasanton, 1; Richmond, 2.10; Yates Centre, 2.50, 198.14

OKLAHOMA.—Guthrie, 2.20, Jr. C.E., 5 (+1.75); Perry, 1st, 2, 10.15

OSBORNE.—Calvert, 75 cts.; Freeport, C.E., 5; Hays City, 55 cts.; Norton, 1; Oakley, 2.60, C.E., 2; Oberlin, Jr. C.E., 1; Osborne, 1st, C.E., 5; Phillipsburg, 2; Russell, 1.85; Smith's Centre, 6.40; Wakeeny, 93 cts., C.E., 60 cts., 29.68

OZARK.—Bolivar, 5; Carthage, 1st, 31.16, C.E., 1.50, Deo Data Bd., 1.50, Y.W.M.S., 3.50; Westm'r, 37.70 (+3.25), Y.L.M.S., 25; Fordland, 9.95; Greenfield, 2.50; Joplin, 1st, 24, "King's Messengers," 6; Neosho, 9; "We Show You" Bd., 3, C.E., 7.50; Ozark Prairie, 3, "Golden Threads," 5.70; Springfield, Calvary, 40, Monday Miss. League, 7.92, Y.L.S., 8; 2d, 9.37, Jr. C.E., 3.13; Webb City, 24; West Plains, 8; White Oak, 4.15, C.E., 7, 290.33

PALMYRA.—Brookfield, 8.75; Canton, Mrs. Brooks and Daughter, 2.50; Clarence, 2; Centre Ch., 1; Green City, 4; Hannibal, 33.05, Jr. C.E., 4; Kirksville, 3.50, C.E., 5, Jr. C.E., 2.50; Louisiana, 10.27, Jr. C.E., 1.09; Macon, 2.90; Marceline, 2.05 (+1), A Little Girl, 1; Moberly, 11.19 (+4.70); New Cambria, 2.53; Newark Ch., 3.25; Pleasant Ridge, 1.75; Rodney, 6; Unionville, Mrs. Wentworth, 2.50; La Grange, Mrs. M.A. Thomas, ——, 119.03

PLATTE.—Avalon, 3.20; Breckenridge, 4.50; Cameron, 11, Jr. C.E., 1; Chillicothe, 9, Jr. C.E., 10; Fairfax, 3 (+1.50); King City, 3.65, C.E., 15, Jr. C.E., 1; Lathrop, 7.50; Parkville, 41.70; Y.L.M.S., 10; "King's Messengers," 8.84; Oregon, 6.50, C.E., 10; Maryville, 15; Jr. C.E., 5; New Hampton, 3 (+1); Savannah, 5 (+5); St. Joe, Hope, 5; 3d St., 2, Westm'r, 20 38 (+5 50); Tarkio, 22.40, C.E., 13.51, Mary Palmer Bd., 1.25; Tina, 5.70; Weston, 2, 262 63

RIO GRANDE.—Albuquerque, 1st, 25 05, C.E., 15, 40.05

SOLOMON.—Abilene, 10.20; Bennington, 13 25 (+2.55), C. E, 3.50; Belleville, 18.20; Beloit, 10.50; Clyde, 7.55; Cawker City, 13, C.E., 8, Jr. C.E., 2; Culver, 11.77; Chiever, 11.20; Delphos, 13.20, C.E., 8, Jr. C.E., 1.50; Ellsworth, 13.50, C.E., 6.33; Glen Elder, 3.81; Lincoln, 5.85, C.E., 3.85, Jr. C.E., 60 cts.; Manchester, 7.25; Minneapolis, 12.33, C.E., 3.55; Milan, 10; Mt. Pleasant, 12.10; Poheta, 7; Salina, 11.24; Sylvan Grove, Jr. C.E., 1; Solomon, 12.60, C.E., 2, Jr. C.E., 1 25, 248.68

ST. LOUIS.—Bethel, 10; Cornwall, 7.75; De Soto, C.E., 2.23; Ferguson, 2.53, Willing Helpers, 66 cts.; Ironton, 9.20, Busy Bees, 1.10; Kimmswick, 2.50; Kirkwood, 32.68; St. Charles, Jeff. St., 2 06; St. Louis, Carondelet, 4.63 (+16.94), Y.P. Bd., 22.04 (+1.16), Y.W.M.C., 5; Ch. of Covenant, 2.50, Jr. C.E., 10; Cote Brilliante, 5; 1st, 600, L.A.S., 137.50, Jr. C.E., 9.94, Pastor's Boys' Club, 12.39; 1st Germ., 12.50; Faith Miss., 2; Glasgow Ave., 31.07; Laf. Park, 77.39; Y.L.B., 25, C.E., (+15); Mem'l Tabernacle, 1, C.E., 10; McCausland Ave., 3.70; North, 25; 2d, 282.49, C.E., 10, Wall Builders, 55.25; Wash. and Comp., 162.40; Webster Groves, 10; Westm'r, 2.48; Pres'l Miscell., 5, 1,633.09

TOPEKA.—Argentine, 7.65; Clay Centre, 20.39; Junction City, 10.13, C.E., 14; Kans. City, 1st, 12, C.E., 15; Grandview, 10.58; Western Highlands, 6; Lawrence, 10.70, Jr. C.E., 1; Leavenworth, C.E., 10, Jr. C.E., 5; Manhattan, 12.09; Seymour, 24; Mulberry Creek, 8, Willing Workers, 1.25; Olathe, 5; Oskaloosa, 11, C.E., 8.35; Riley, 6; Rossville, 8, C.E., 10; Sedalia, 4.06; Spring Hill, 2.81; Stanley, 10; Topeka, 1st, 45, C.E., 77.72, Inter. C.E., 1.10; 3d, 1.14, C.E., 15; Westm'r, 13.43, C.E., 9.93, Gleaners Bd., 2.50; Vinland, 3.73; Wamego, 6.05, 398.62

TRINITY.—Albany, 20; Glen Rose, 2, 22.00

WHITE RIVER.—West Point, Mary Holmes Sem., 13.30; West Miss., 3, C.E., 2, 18.30

MISCELLANEOUS.—A Friend, Kansas, 9, Another, 1.25; St. Louis, Mrs. McKee, 5, 15.25

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